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ADITI ASHOK

JUDE FELIX

K'TAKA TRIO BAG SPORTS AWARDS

- Aditi Ashok (extreme left) has won the Arjuna Award for her achievements in golf
- Hockey coach Jude Felix (left) has been conferred the Dronacharya Award
- Former athletics coach Purushottam Rai will receive the same for lifetime achievement
- Khel Ratnas are Rohit Sharma, Manika Batra, T Mariyappan, Rani Rampal and Vinesh Phogat | P13

The New Indian Express
Wishes its readers on the occasion of

GANESH CHATURTHI

The offices and press of TNIE will remain closed today and there will be no issue dated August 23, 2020

EXPRESS READ

EC: Voters to get gloves at booths

New Delhi: Voters will be provided with gloves to press the EVM button and Covid-19 patients in quarantine will be allowed to vote at the last hour of the polling day, according to broad guidelines issued by Election Commission on Friday for holding elections during the Covid-19. P9

Ashwani Bhatia appointed MD of SBI

New Delhi: The government has appointed Ashwani Bhatia as the next MD of India's largest PSU bank SBI. Currently, he serves as MD and CEO of SBI Mutual Fund, and is tipped to be a frontrunner for the post through the selection process. P12

Kerala moves HC on T'puram airport

Kochi: The Kerala government on Friday moved the High Court seeking a stay on further proceedings in leasing out Thiruvananthapuram international airport to Adani Enterprises. Unless the stay is granted, it will be put to irreparable injury and hardship, the state government said. P7

India steps up heat on China

Visa curbs for Chinese nationals; Rlys scraps tender to keep out CRRC Pioneer Electric

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

AFTER banning Chinese apps and tweaking FDI rules to keep away Chinese investments, the Centre is now planning to tighten visa rules for Chinese businessmen, students and workers. From now on, Chinese nationals will be issued visa only after a security clearance is obtained, sources said.

In another move targeting China, the Railways on Friday announced the cancellation of the tender for manufacturing 44 semi-high speed Vande Bharat Express trains.

"Fresh tender will be floated within a week as per Revised Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order," the rail ministry tweeted.

The tender, floated last month, had attracted only a Chinese joint venture, CRRC Pioneer Electric, as the foreign player among six participants. The tender had called firms to bid for the supply of electrical equipment for 44 sets of high-speed Vande Bharat express trains with 16 coaches each.

The concerted moves taken by the Centre follow the Union education ministry's review of ties between Indian and Chinese universities, especially the local chapters of Confucius Institutes.

The agreements between Indian and Chinese institutes are likely to be cut down to size. "Over 50 MoUs signed between Chinese universities and prestigious Indian institutes like IITs, JNU, BHU and others are under the government scanner," sources said.

India has been stepping up the heat on China since the June 15 violent face-off between Indian and Chinese troops along the LAC.

However, some experts feel New Delhi's aggressive steps to restrict Chinese presence in India could backfire as the number of Indians travelling to China is three times than the Chinese flow to India.

"We should also take into consideration any counter measures from China," said B R Deepak, chairperson of Centre for Chinese and South Asian Studies at JNU.

The latest decisions will only worsen the already frayed ties between New Delhi and Beijing, says Russia-based political analyst Andrew Korybko.

Confucius Institutes

These are educational partnerships funded by the Chinese govt to promote Mandarin as a foreign language. Confucius Institutes have tie-ups with universities in some 160 countries

Fire personnel try to douse the flames at Srisailam power station on Thursday night

9 charred in inferno at T'gana power station

V V BALAKRISHNA @Hyderabad

NINE employees—seven of TS Gencoo and two of a private battery company—were charred to death on Thursday night after a fire broke out in the underground hydro-electric power station in Srisailam in Telangana.

Three other Genco employees who were injured are undergoing treatment at the Genco hospital located near the plant. According to official sources, the fire broke out at 10.30 pm on Thursday. It was reportedly caused by a short circuit in an auxiliary voltage transformer of the fourth unit of the power station.

"It appears the fire had started in one of the panels, near the units 4, 5 and 6," one official said.Eighteen employees were working in the power station at the time of the incident. Eight of them came out safely, but nine stayed inside, trying to put out the blaze. The fire spread quickly, trapping them.

When they realised that they could not put out the fire, they tried to run outside, but it was too late.

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CET results: 1.5L qualify for engineering seats

Rakshith M

Sai Vivek P

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) on Friday released the results of the Common Entrance Test (KCET) 2020, which was held on July 30 and 31. It has taken just 21 days for the results to be out.

In all, 1,53,470 students qualified for engineering seats, while for agriculture 1,27,627 students, veterinary sciences 1,29,666, AYUSH 1,29,611 and pharma 1,55,552. As many as 1,29,666 students have secured ranks for veterinary, 1,29,611 for yoga and naturopathy and 1,55,552 for B-Pharma and D-Pharma.

Rakshith M of RV PUC College, Bengaluru bagged the first rank in engineering, while Sai Vivek P from Narayana E-Techno School in Bengaluru bagged the first rank in both veterinary sciences and pharma. Varun Gowda A B, from Expert PU College, Mangaluru, bagged first rank in B.Sc Agriculture. P5

EX-FIN SECRETARY RAJIV KUMAR TO REPLACE LAVASA AS EC

New Delhi: Former Union finance secretary Rajiv Kumar has been appointed Election Commissioner, the Law Ministry said in a notification on Friday. Kumar will take charge the day Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa leaves office on August 31. The outgoing EC is set to join the Asian Development Bank as its vice-president.

NO GOING BACK

Centre: NEET, JEE exams to be on schedule

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

DESPITE mounting pressure from students and parents to postpone the JEE (Main) and NEET entrance exams due to Covid-19, the Centre on Friday reiterated that the exams will be held as scheduled in September.

Government said in a statement that more than 75% of students registered for JEE have already downloaded their admit cards, indicating that a majority wants the exams held.

The National Testing Agency which conducts both JEE and NEET said that of the 8.58 lakh candidates registered for JEE, 6.49 lakh have downloaded their admit cards.

The admit cards for NEET, which is planned for September 13, is expected to be out in the coming days.

The statement comes days after the Supreme Court on Monday junked a petition to have these tests postponed in view of the pandemic.

JEE (Main) will be held between September 1 and 6, while NEET is scheduled for September 13.

Meanwhile, the Union Home Ministry in a circular issued on Friday noted that 99.07% of JEE(Main) aspirants have been allotted their preferred exam centers, and so far, only 120 have requested a change, which is being looked into.

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Saturday 22/08/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha
• Masa: Bhdrapada • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Chaturthi 11:47 pm
• Nakshatra: Hastha 11:44 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am
• Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.36 pm
Moonrise 9.05 am
Moonset 9.27 pm

Concrete deck work at Cubbon Road and in Shivajinagar has been completed to facilitate construction of underground Metro stations | EXPRESS

Decks for two UG Metro stns done, Cubbon Rd open

Concrete decks ready much before schedule

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

TWO concrete decks readied by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) — one on Cubbon Road and another on Shivajinagar — have been completed this week. Both are being readied for the Nagawara-Gottigere Line (Reach-6) of Phase-II, in order to facilitate construction of subways beneath them.

Vehicle users of Cubbon Road can heave a sigh of relief as this stretch of road is now completely open for traffic.

The four-metre-wide deck or bridge along the surface of the road at the junction of Cubbon Road and Kamaraj Road was completed four days ago, much earlier than scheduled. "We had planned to complete the decks at a later deadline. Taking advantage of the lockdown and the subsequent limited traffic on the road, we opted to go ahead with the deck work. We finished one-and-a-half years before schedule," said a senior Metro official.

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> Metro official

There won't be any road blockages when the underpass below gets readied for the public to reach the upcoming Underground MG Road Metro station from the Army Public School end.

The underground MG Road Metro station is of crucial importance as it connected with the elevated MG Road station of Phase one's East-West Line. "Since this is an Interchange station like the Jayadeva station, people can switch lines here. It is important that the stations are easily connected," he said. MG Road is the only station out of all Metro Phase-I and Phase-II stations where an elevated and underground station are directly connected.

The deck at Shivajinagar was completed on Thursday (August 20). The other end of Kamaraj Road touching MG Road will remain shut till June 2023 for the underground station being readied here.

After Twitter outrage, hospital discharges baby

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

A RESIDENT of RT Nagar has alleged that a private hospital in the city delayed the discharge of his newborn due to his inability to pay treatment bills, which ran into lakhs of rupees. Finally, the baby was discharged on Friday.

Shahid Ali Baig's daughter was born prematurely on April 7 at Motherhood Hospital in Hebbal after doctors recommended a C-Section. After four months of treatment, the hospital said on August 14 that she could be discharged, but allegedly refused when Baig could not pay the full dues. The hospital has denied any lapses.

Baig said hospital staff told him that the baby needed to be in the ICU for 5-12 days as she was born prematurely. "I told them I couldn't keep her there for so long as I would not be able to bear the expenses," Shahid told *The New Indian Express*.

Shahid, a sales executive, said he suffered income losses during the lockdown. "The hospital said it would be a maximum of 12 days but then extended it to one month," he said.

He was then told that she became critical and needed surgery at the Indiranagar branch. "I was surprised because they did not inform me earlier that she was critical. Suddenly, they said she needed surgery," he said.

The baby was then put on ventilator support for 20 days and underwent three surgeries. "Last Friday, they told me I could take my baby, but then refused when I couldn't pay the full amount," he said. Shahid said he borrowed money from relatives and also got help from a charitable trust, but could arrange only Rs 12 lakh. However, he was asked to pay an additional Rs 8 lakh, which he didn't have.

On Thursday, he took to Twitter to narrate his ordeal, after which people began questioning the hospital. The hospital discharged the baby on Friday after the outrage on Twitter, he said.

> I told them I couldn't keep her there for so long as I would not be able to bear the expenses. The hospital said it would be a maximum of 12 days but then extended it to one month
> Shahid Ali Baig, the baby's father

A spokesperson from Motherhood said the baby was born prematurely at 33 weeks, with multiple complications that required intensive care. "The team has provided continuous care to the baby and has involved the parents at every stage of the treatment process with their consent. On request of the father, we also extended financial aid and have assisted the parents seek crowdfunding to bear the treatment cost," the hospital said.

READY FOR KADUBU, OBBATTU

A day before Ganesha Chaturthi, the market area in Malleswaram bustles with activity as residents make last-minute purchases to celebrate the birth of the elephant-headed God | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Training of staffers for BBMP election on

Bengaluru: With the tenure of 198 BBMP councillors coming to an end, BBMP staffers' training on the electoral process started on Friday. BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad held the maiden training session of staffers and volunteers on preparing the voters' list, election forms and collating data. As per Election Commission rules, the training is for a period of five days. **ENS**

Water supply to be disrupted today

Bengaluru: Cauvery water supply in some areas in the city will be disrupted on Saturday, due to a halt in pumping in two supply stages on Friday. According to an official release, a technical snag occurred on 220KV transmission main power supply from Somanahalli to Tataguni pumphouse on Friday. **ENS**

VFS to collect samples from doorsteps

Bengaluru: Visa outsourcing firm, VFS Global, has launched two facilities for doorstep sample collection and for booking online appointments at designated certified medical labs to provide samples for RT-PCR tests. Customers can book appointments on the firm's website: https://www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/covid-test.html. It can be availed by those who may have Covid symptoms. **ENS**

Digi-economy gaining currency fast: MIT adviser

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

Does cryptocurrency have the potential to replace fiat (government-backed) money in the near future with an increasing interest of major technology companies in the former, such as Facebook launching Libra? Michael Casey, advisor to Media Labs at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), argued that one could expect a "multi-currency world in the digital framework and that there is no doubt that the world is heading towards a digitalised economy".

K P Krishnan, former secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, said digitisation of currency will "seriously challenge traditional structures. Trust in currency is at the heart of all functions of Central banks," he said, speaking on 'Redefining Money for a Digital future' in a virtual forum organised by the Synergia Foundation.

Casey said that with China's Central Bank integrating digital currency wallets into existing retail bank accounts, there could be a shift in global currency. "The US leadership in the world is being challenged under an isolationist President. With the ongoing pandemic whether the Chinese Yuan emerges as a challenge to USD needs to be seen," he added.

B Sriram, Director, ICICI Bank and former managing director, State Bank of India, said a shift from fiat money to cryptocurrency would require "financial literacy, ecosystem and consumer mindset, which is largely cash-driven," he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

22nd August : Today's dominant alignments are deep, dark and Scorpionic in tone. What does this mean? That we'll all have lots of secrets? Perhaps! But what Scorpio really means is that we're all being faced with a challenge to be honest - and that's not always easy! The first step is to be honest with ourselves - and that's even harder!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It is very pleasant indeed to report that the stars are making life a great deal simpler. Don't take everything at face value though, or other people may find it easier to pull the wool over your eyes. It's fine to be naive, but not if you allow yourself to be exploited.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The most simple reading of your chart indicates nothing more than pleasant shopping trips. I have a feeling that superficial pursuits suit you best at the moment, partly because relationships have been so intense that you could do with a break.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Partnership and matrimonial questions should be given a priority today. There are few indications of stress, which is precisely why it is useful to make certain positive moves to heal old problems. You'd be so happy if people put you under less pressure!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Before very much longer you will have to deal with someone who seems to be in a perpetual state of emotional tension. This is doing nobody any good, but it may be up to you, as a compassionate Cancer, to step in and help to heal personal hurts and upsets.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Decisive action is called for, but may not be possible. Actually, this looks like one of those days when you may duck out of all your commitments and dedicate your life to self-indulgence. Perhaps partners will agree that it's all for the best!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The general state of the stars is deeply intense, and somewhat crisis-prone. I would not be surprised to see a number of Virgos walking around with feet firmly placed in their mouths, saying the wrong thing without meaning to! Helpful talks with relatives should straighten you out.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A set of serious financial influences has been sending cash matters into a spin. Try to stop caring so much about money, and you might find that some difficulties are exacerbated by your own failure to get personal and professional priorities in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's well-known that spending money cheers people up! This is just what I'd prescribe for you right now! Don't take risks, though, because an air of complacency suggests that you'll overlook certain essential details. You don't want to throw good money after bad, now, do you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Within twenty-four hours you will experience a planetary combination that conclusively ties professional and public prestige to financial prosperity. This is part of a five-year cycle dealing with deep, but positive, undercurrents, so don't expect instant results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If you're not sure what's going on, it's because you're looking in the wrong place. This is a day to welcome mystery and intrigue. In the final analysis your daydreams may mean more to you than so-called 'real-life'. They might even reveal the answers to tired old problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Professional demands are still so intense that many of you may be unable to relax sufficiently to enjoy the Moon's sociable functions. Even leisure pursuits will need to be competitive and ambitious. Whatever you do, whoever you do it with, you'll want to come top.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Venus is one of those fortunate planets that guarantees financial success - well, almost! First, you will have to grapple with a legal question or moral issue that seems to be troubling your conscience. As you know, some values are much more important than whether you make a profit or not.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

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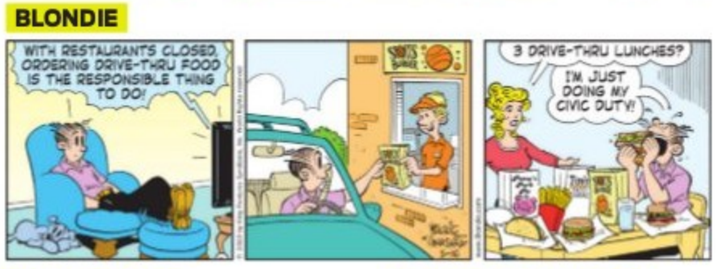
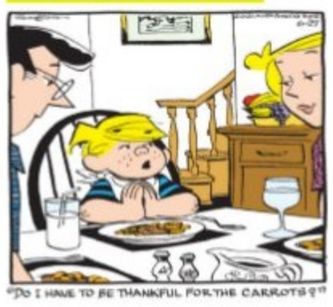

WITH RESTAURANTS CLOSED, ORDERING DRIVE-THRU FOOD IS THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO!
3 DRIVE-THRU LUNCHES?
I'M JUST DOING MY CIVIC DUTY!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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6	1				8			
						9	6	
	2		6				8	3
7		1		3		5		2
3	8				4		9	
	7	2						
			7				2	5
				8				4

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	3	8	6	2	1	4	9	7
6	9	2	3	7	4	8	5	1
7	1	4	5	8	9	2	3	6
9	2	5	7	3	6	1	8	4
1	4	6	9	5	8	3	7	2
3	8	7	1	4	2	5	6	9
4	6	3	2	9	5	7	1	8
8	7	1	4	6	3	9	2	5
2	5	9	8	1	7	6	4	3

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HLIFT

OLAKA

GREEED

ZRUEZB

The studio thinks this will be a huge hit.
I'm so excited about this script! I feel like a kid again.
ZOLGAR
GETTING PENNY MARSHALL TO DIRECT AND TOM HANKS TO STAR IN THE 1988 FILM WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROVE TREND BEHAVE FRENZY
Answer: Remember that Memorial Day is the last Monday in May and you should — NEVER FORGET

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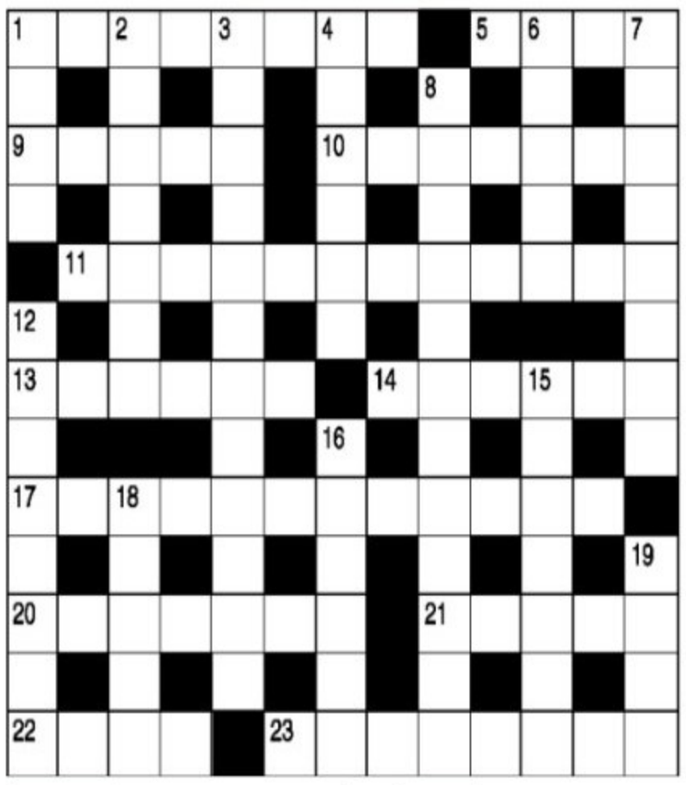
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Left for dead, apparently (8)
5 Girl who gives assistance to many (4)
9 Fed up but tried anew (5)
10 Have something in mind (7)
11 They have an interest in conversion schemes (12)
13 Look into new liquid preparation (6)
14 Church worker with grave responsibilities (6)
17 It travels fast, say the attendants (7,5)
20 What old scholars often dipped into (7)
21 Total capital withdrawn from golf club (5)
22 Habit to boast about (4)
23 Bank permit about to expire (8)

DOWN

1 Girlfriend who could be blind or stoned (4)
2 Press it rudely? (7)
3 Communist is hidden but is found again (12)
4 Name of inventor noised abroad (6)
6 One wasn't there to make such a defence (5)
7 Sauce required for a formal dinner? (8)
8 Private marshalling yard (6,6)
12 Changing gin, later found drunk (8)
15 A plant from the list (7)
16 He has a stable job (6)
18 Fireside game? (5)
19 It's an easy gate, they say, for a horse to take (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Camembert, 8 Rogue, 9 Variety, 10 Twelve, 11 Merlin, 12 Inflated, 15 Cloister, 18 Gambit, 20 Loiter, 21 Miserly, 22 Spoor, 23 Stage door.

Down: 2 Adage, 3 Edible, 4 Botanist, 5 Trowel, 6 Agility, 7 Defendant, 11 Matchless, 13 Forgoing, 14 Monitor, 16 Steers, 17 Impend, 19 Igloo.

The Union Finance Ministry released Rs 395.5 crore as the second installment of the central government's share of the State Disaster Response Mitigation Fund on Friday

Two arrested for stealing ₹32 lakh from ATMs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

HALASURU police have arrested two men for allegedly stealing Rs 32.28 lakh from ATMs and recovered cash of Rs 24.10 lakh from the duo. The accused are Kiran Kumar (24) and Ashwath (33), both natives of Gauribidanur of Chikkaballapura district. Kiran was working as a cash custodian with a company that provided ATM cash loading service to banks.

Police said Kiran was loading cash into ATMs along a particular route and the company had recently replaced him with another cash custodian, changing Kiran's route. However, Kiran, who knew the passwords of the ATMs in which he loaded cash previously, hatched a plot to steal the money. With his friend Ashwath's help, he stole money from two ATMs.

"About Rs 17.71 lakh was stolen from an ATM on Bazaar Street in Ulsoor while Rs14.57 lakh was stolen from an ATM on CMH Road in Indiranagar. The company lodged a complaint. After verifying CCTV footage and questioning the company's staffers, we found out that Kiran had masterminded the theft. Based on his statement, his accomplice was arrested," police said.

"Kiran said he assumed his role will not be suspected as he was working with the company. However, he had emerged as the key suspect as there was no damage to the ATMs and insiders' job was the first lead in the case. He committed the theft just a few days after his route was changed," police said.

SLUGFEST

NO POLITICAL TWIST TO VIOLENCE: CM

Rubbishes Cong allegations over KB Sandra riots, says probe revealing new facts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday rubbished the Congress' allegations that the ruling party and government were trying to politicize the violence in DJ Halli in which Congress MLA's Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house and a police station were vandalised and set afire.

"There is no question of us doing any politics over it. We have tried to present the truth before the people. Once all the facts come out, they will know whether we are doing politics or they are doing politics," Yediyurappa told reporters in Bengaluru.

After its MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy's residence was ransacked and torched by a violent mob on August 11, the Opposition Congress has accused BJP leaders and ministers of trying to politicize the incident. The party has also accused cabinet ministers of putting pressure on the police to implicate local Congress leaders.

"As the investigation is progressing, many facts about how the accused operated are coming out. The truth will come out," the CM said.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bengaluru police is investigating the case and over 200 people, including a Congress corporator's husband, have been arrested. Several people, including Congress leader and a former Bengaluru mayor have been questioned.

Several BJP leaders, including Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai have stated that internal differences within the Congress and the SDPI conspiracy to disturb peace in the city were among the reasons for the violence and arson. The Congress has denied the charge and sought an impartial probe.

Life slowly returns to normal after prohibitory orders were lifted in the aftermath of riots in Kaval Byrasandra | MEGHANA SASTRY

Cong, BJP using riots for mudslinging: HDK

ENS @Bengaluru

FORMER Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Friday accused BJP and Congress leaders of using DJ Halli violence for "indulging in mudslinging".

In an open letter to both the parties, the JDS leader said DJ Halli violence is a law and order issue, it should have been investigated and the guilty should have been punished.

Instead, both national parties have used it to indulge in mudslinging and they stand exposed, he said.

The Congress alleges that there is a political conspiracy behind the riots and it should explain if the conspiracy is from within the party or outside or from ticket aspirants. "Do leaders who come from other parties become unpalatable for the Congress?" the former CM said. Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, whose house was ransacked by a mob, had joined the Congress from the JDS.

The former CM also hit out at the BJP and the government. If BJP ministers have any evidence to substantiate their allegations against the Congress leaders' role, they must submit it to the investigating agency. "If not, are BJP ministers' statements aimed at political polarization?" he said.

He asked BJP and Congress leaders to discard "petty politics, at least now".

Siddu, Kateel spar over RSS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister Siddaramaiah's suggestion made to CM B S Yediyurappa a couple of days ago that the RSS and its outfits were involved in communal riots and that they must be made to pay has invoked a sharp reaction from state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, who said Siddaramaiah has to prove the involvement of RSS or tender an apology. Kateel said the involvement of RSS or its affiliates has never been proved in any court or by any investigating agency. Kateel alleged that the Congress is a party of minority appeasement and vote bank politics.

Siddaramaiah responded, saying, "Do you remember that your party had become a laughing stock when you had included a living person, Ashok Pujari, in the list sent to the central government about people murdered during my tenure from 2013 to 2018?"

He said, "You may be both intellectually and emotionally bankrupt and continue to light communal fires for political gains, but true Hindus are intelligent enough to see through your acts of treason. Your best friend Naresh Shenoy is the main accused in the murder of Hindu RTI activist Vinayaka Baliga. When will you ensure justice is delivered in this case? You said 24 Hindus were killed in communal violence during 2013-2018, but actually it is 45 if we include Hindus and Muslims."

Six cops suspended for violating Covid norms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

SIX police personnel, including an assistant sub-inspector and a woman constable, were recently suspended for not wearing masks and violating social distancing norms while on duty.

The incident occurred on August 11. The suspended personnel are attached to the Jalahalli Traffic police station.

A senior police officer said that those suspended were deputed at Gangammanagudi.

Instead of carrying out their duties in their respective junctions, they were all found by Soumyalatha S K, DCP Traffic (West), who was on patrol, in a park. They were not wearing masks, and were chatting without maintaining social distancing, the officer said.

The DCP took action against them for violating the pandemic norms and dereliction of duty.

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National Office: HDIL Towers, B-Wing, 6th & 8th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051.
Branch office: Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West)- 400602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00003593 of Hubballi Branch) Manappa Kallappa Kammar (Borrower) Rajesh Manappa Kammar (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 2,77,380/- (Two lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty) NPA (01-02-2020)	Plot No 17 CTS No 46b Sidhadevapura Village, Haveri, Haveri- 581110
(LC No. 00006539 of Hubballi Branch) Revanappa G Baloji (Borrower) Ratna R Baloji (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 2,61,123/- (Two lakh Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three) NPA (01-02-2020)	Plot No-1172, R S No-6 Shri Gurusiddeshwar Nagar Near Vijay Bank & Manjunath Wi, Tadas, Dharwad- 581212
(LC No. 00006540 of Hubballi Branch) Revanappa G Baloji (Borrower) Ratna R Baloji (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 1,98,811/- (One lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven) NPA (01-02-2020)	Plot No 1172, R S No-6 Shri Guru Siddeshwar Nagar Near Vijay Bank & Manjunath Wi, Tadas, Dharwad- 581212
(LC No. 00001536 of Mangaluru Branch) Narayana H T (Borrower) Vijayalakshmi S P (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 1,39,741/- (One lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One) NPA (01-02-2020)	S No.11/1 (S No.155) Basaveshwara Temple Road Hebbale Village, Somwarpet Tal, Somwarpet, Kodagu- 571234
(LC No. 00002904 of Mangaluru Branch) Ameeruddin A (Borrower) Thahira A (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 5,16,552/- (Five lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two) NPA (01-02-2020)	Survey No. 263/2pt, Pathur Village Nr Patoor Masjid Manjeshwara, Kasargod, Kasaragod- 671323
(LC No. 00002919 of Mangaluru Branch) Ameeruddin K (Borrower) Thahira A (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 5,85,357/- (Five lakh Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven) NPA (01-02-2020)	Sy No-263/2pt, Pathur Village Manjeshwara Manjeshwara, Kasargod, Kasaragod- 671323
(LC No. 00006164 of Kalburgi Branch) Bheemavva B (Borrower) Shivu Kumar Kalappa (Guarantor 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 4,73,810 /- (Four lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten) NPA (01-02-2020)	Plot No 33, Sy No 11, Of Dariyapur, GDA Layout Opp Ambica Nagar 8th Cross Satioad Road Gulbarga Kalburgi Karnataka- 585102
(LC No. 00011595 of Mumbai Metro Branch) Avnish Santosh Kumar Hasija (Borrower) Harita Avnish Hasija (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 45,06,063/- (Forty Five lakh Six Thousand Sixty Three) NPA (01-02-2020)	Row House No-54, Jal Enclave, Town Ship "Silver Spring", A B Bypass Road., Indore, Indore- 453463
(LC No. 00001822 of Hosur Branch) Murugesh M E (Borrower) Poornima A M (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 31,31,802/- (Thirty One lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Two) NPA (01-02-2020)	Site No 2&3, Sy No 14/1, Near By KEB Circ le, Musandra Village Kasaba Hobli, Dodaballapura, Dodabalapura, Bengaluru- 561203
(LC No. 00000720 of Yelahanka Branch) Ramanareddy S (Borrower) Praveena P (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 29,68,809/- (Twenty Nine lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Nine) NPA (01-02-2020)	No 33 And 34, Sy No 28/3, Khata No 289, Shushruthi Nagar, Near Chethan Circle Andahalli Villag, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru, Bengaluru- 560058
(LC No. 00042898 of Bengaluru-Jayanagar- 2 Branch) M Raju (Borrower) Sudha A (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 28,99,019/- (Twenty Eight lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Nineteen) NPA (01-02-2020)	Site No 34, Katha No 707 Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore, Bengaluru- 560064
(LC No. 00043904 of Bengaluru- Jayanagar-2 Branch) Mohammed Idries (Borrower) Ayesha Tarannum Idris (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 40,26,662/- (Forty lakh Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two) NPA (01-02-2020)	Site No.106, Sy No.65, Katha No.1299/121 Boyillahalli Villag, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka- 560005
(LC No. 00044075 of Bengaluru-Jayanagar- 2 Branch) Lakshmipathi K (Borrower) Shwetha S (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 7,93,152/- (Seven lakh Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two) NPA (01-02-2020)	Site No. 58, Lucky Homes, Balajigapade Village, Hosahudya Gram Panchyath, Nandi Hobli, Chickbalapura Taluk Chickbalapura Bengaluru Karnataka- 562101
(LC No. 00001555 of Chakan Branch) Sanjay Vithoba Jadhav (Borrower) Renuka Sanjay Jadhav (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 10,53,306/- (Ten lakh Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Six) NPA (01-02-2020)	F No 18,4th Flr,D2 Wing, Saibaba Paradise New Gat No. 1752, Old Gat No. 3732 Chakan, Pune Pune Maharashtra- 410501
(LC No. 00000373 of Chandapura Branch) Yogesh Munavalli (Borrower) Himamoni Das (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 20,04,256/- (Twenty lakh Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six) NPA (01-02-2020)	Plot No 52, Sy No 96 "Oxigen", Gudigattanahalli Village Sarajapur Hobli, Anekal, Bangalore, Bengaluru- 562125
(LC No. 00000811 of Marathahalli Branch) Madhu Sudhan Menon (Borrower) Latha Madhu Sudhan (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2020/ ₹ 3,80,359/- (Three lakh Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine) NPA (01-02-2020)	No. 405, 4th Floor, H2 Block/ Wing Provident Wel Worth City, Kadatanamale (V), Hesaraghatta, Bangalore, Bengaluru- 560073
(LC No. 00000886 of Kengeri Branch) Santhosh B (Borrower) Pankaja M (Co Borrower 1)	18-06-2020/ ₹ 29,84,625/- (Twenty Nine lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five) NPA (01-01-2020)	Site No 37, Katha No 156//2/37 Kethiganahalli Village Bidadi Bidadi Hobli Bidadi Hobli Ramanagaram Bengaluru Karnataka:- 560056
(LC No. 00006755 of Shivamoga Branch) Yogesh G S (Borrower) Shivamma S (Co Borrower 1)	18-06-2020/ ₹ 4,31,016/- (Four lakh Thirty One Thousand Sixteen) NPA (01-12-2019)	Pid No 22 507 199 Sas 6680 Ward No 10, Housing Board Kushal Nagar, Near Water Tank And Old Busstand Water Tank And Old Busstand Sakleshpura Hassan Karnataka:- 573134
(LC No. 00003457 of Mangaluru Branch) Tharanatha Anchan (Borrower) Jayalaxmi Tharanatha Anchan (Co Borrower 1)	18-06-2020/ ₹ 11,07,266/- (Eleven lakh Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six) NPA (01-02-2020)	Sy No- 24/2AP12(P), Mukka, Suratkal Village Mangaluru Mangaluru Dakshina Kannada Dakshin Kannada Karnataka:- 574146

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 22-08-2020
Place: Karnataka

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

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Public Notice

This is to inform customers & general public that the below listed branches (Transferor branches) would be shifted/ Co-located/merged soon,with the corresponding (Transferee branch) listed as under.

Sl no	Name of the Transferor Branch (From)	Address of the Transferor Branch (From)	Name of the Transferee Branch (To)	Address of the Transferee Branch (To)	Contact No Both Branch
01	Bank of Baroda New BEL Road	No.9, New BEL Road, Bangalore-560094	E-Vijaya (Now Bank of Baroda) V S Dollars Colony	No.1/1,14th Cross, V Main Dollers Colony, RMV II Stage Bangalore- 560094	080-235143802 / 23516368
02	E- Vijaya (Now Bank of Baroda) Chickpet	No.18, 1st Floor, Rangaswamy Temple, Street, Chikpet, Bangalore-560053	E-Vijaya (Now Bank of Baroda) City Market	177/181, R.K Complex, 1st Floor, Arcot, Srinivasa Achar, Bangalore-560053	080-22260436/ 22263067/ 22873561/ 22873757
03	E- Vijaya (Now Bank of Baroda) K.G Road	No.35, Devanga Tower, K.G Road, Bangalore-560009	Bank of Baroda K.G Road Main Branch	Prithvi Bldg, Kempegowda Road, P.B.No.2, Bangalore-560009	080-22262347/ 22263490/ 22282306/ 22268106
04	Bank of Baroda Vasanth Nagar	No.46, Miller Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560052	E- Vijaya (Now Bank of Baroda) Cunningham Road	MSIL House, No.36 Cunningham Road Bangalore-560052	080-22265480/ 22262323/ 48527798

All regular banking services of **Transferor branch** would be provided from **Transferee branch** on shifting/Co-location / Merging. Customers and public are requested to take note of the same and feel free to reach out to the listed contact number for any queries/ clarifications.

Date: 18-08-2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Asst. General Manager-DRH
Regional office, Bangalore - North

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POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, HBR Layout Branch, Bangalore** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2), read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 02.03.2020** calling upon the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor **1) M/s ARK Global Logistics Pvt Ltd,** Chinnaswamy Chambers, 778/A, 11th Cross, Double Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038. **Director: 1) Mr. C Antony Cruse** S/o Chinnappa P **2) Mrs. Leema Rose Anand Raj,** both are residing at Annai Velankani Nilayam, No. 3/2, Saraswathi Ammal Road, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under **Rs. 25,52,208/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Only) as on **29.02.2020** plus interest from **01.03.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **19th day of August 2020.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs. 25,52,208/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Only) as on **29.02.2020** plus interest thereon along with cost.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable house Property Bearing Corporation New no. 3/2, (Old No.3), situated at Saraswathi Ammal Road, Maruthi Sevanagar, BBMP Ward No. 86, Bangalore PID No. 86-55-3/2, measuring East to West 23 Feet and North to South 40'9" Feet, in total measuring 937.25 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows. East by: Premises Belonging to Smt. Raniamma, West by: Saraswathiammal Road, North by: Mariamma Koil Street, South by: Common Passage

Date : 19.08.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda Earlier Vijaya Bank

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राजस्व एवं भूमि सुधार विभाग

दाखिल–खारिजः सामान्य प्रक्रिया

होल्डिंग अथवा किसी अंश पर किसी विधि/लिखत द्वारा हित अर्जन,
जमाबंदी पंजी चालू–खतियान और खेसरा पंजी में वांछित परिवर्तन,
अधिकार अंतरण या नामांतरण जमाबंदी पंजी अद्यतन अपडेट,
अधिनियम, 2011 अंतर्गत दाखिल–खारिज से अभिप्रेत।

विक्रय, दान, विनिमय, बँटवारा, निबंधित, पंजीकृत दस्तावेज,
भू–अर्जन, भूदान, वासगीत, भू–हदबंदी, उत्तराधिकार समेत,
आपसी सहमति से बँटवारा सक्षम न्यायालय का आदेश,
स्वत्ववाद लंबित रहने पर दाखिल–खारिज है निषेध।

ऑनलाईन दाखिल–खारिज संग शिविर में दाखिल–खारिज भी है मान्य,
विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन–याचिका संलग्न करें दस्तावेजी प्रमाण,
प्रारंभिक जाँच–पड़ताल के बाद अभिलेख संधारण है अनिवार्य,
कर्मचारी और अंचल निरीक्षक का जाँच प्रतिवेदन करना है प्राप्त।

आम–खास सूचना निर्गत कर चौदह दिनों का विधिक इंतजार,
आपत्ति प्राप्त नहीं होने पर दाखिल–खारिज करें स्वीकार,
उभय–पक्ष को अवसर देकर आपति–आवेदन की करें सुनवाई,
मुखर आदेश पारित करना है सक्षम है अंचल अधिकारी।

दाखिल–खारिज स्वीकृति के बाद शुद्धि–पत्र होगा तैयार,
निर्धारित है विहित प्रपत्र चार प्रतियों में करना निर्गत,
नई जमाबंदी का निर्माण जमाबंदी अंतरिती के नाम,
शुद्धि–पत्र की प्रविष्टि प्रमाण कायम करें सेस–लगान।

आदेश से व्यथित होने पर अपील का है खुला द्वार,
तीस दिनों का समय निर्धारित सक्षम हैं डी0सी0एल0आर0,
समाहर्ता/अपर समाहर्ता में पुनरीक्षण का अधिकार निहित,
पुनरीक्षण याचिका दायर हेतु तीस दिनों का समय विहित।

अधिनियम की धारा–9 में वर्णित जमाबंदी रद्दीकरण के प्रावधान,
आवेदन या स्व–प्रेरणा से अपर समाहर्ता को लेना संज्ञान,
आदेश से व्यथित होने पर समाहर्ता के समक्ष अपीलवाद,
पुनरीक्षण वाद दाखिल करने हेतु आयुक्त हैं सक्षम प्राधिकार।

रैयतों की सुविधा–सहयोग हेतु कृत–संकल्पित राजस्व विभाग,
शिकायतों के समाधान हेतु 'परिमार्जन' पोर्टल नवाचार,
नाम, लगान, चौहद्दी, खेसरा जमाबंदी पंजी में करें सुधार,
निर्धारित समय–सीमा के अंदर त्रुटियों का निश्चित निस्तार।

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डॉ0 श्यामल किशोर पाठक, भा0प्र0से0,
विशेष सचिव, राजस्व एवं भूमि सुधार विभाग, बिहार, पटना।

> Being a doctor myself, I understand their concerns. I visited Dr Nagendra's house to express my condolences. Nobody should politicise a death
>
> Dr K Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister

My phones being tapped, alleges DKS

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CONGRESS state president D K Shivakumar on Friday alleged that his phones are being tapped, saying there has been a distinct disturbance on the lines over the last two to three days, which experts indicate could be due to phone tapping.

He urged Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant to investigate the issue and take action. He said that the callers' voice over the phone is faint and inaudible, and he has no doubt that his conversations are being listened to.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "The state government, being a responsible organisation, won't stoop so low. Perhaps, he should clarify with the service providers." He pointed out that the CBI is investigating phone tapping during the previous H D Kumaraswamy government, of which the Congress was a partner.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who moved from the Congress to BJP, said, "Phone tapping is a dirty habit of Congress." He reminded Shivakumar how phones of seers from Rambhapuri, Sirigere, Suttur, Adichunchanagiri and Siddaganga mutts were tapped when Congress was in power.

ANTI-HINDI MOVEMENT

Prajwal bats for two-language policy

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WHILE his grandfather and former Prime Minister HD Devegowda is protesting for farmer and land rights, debutante MP from Hassan Prajwal Revanna has jumped into the raging language debate.

Over the last two days, Prajwal Revanna has been lambasting the New Education Policy's push for three languages. Prajwal's assurance that he would take up the matter in Parliament has garnered much appreciation from pro-Kannada language activists.

> There is no sense is making it compulsory to learn Hindi when English is already serving as a link language. Instead of Hindi, let us learn languages from our own State like Tulu, and Kodava on priority as third languages
>
> Prajwal Revanna, Hassan MP

Prajwal's stand against the Union government's proposed three-language policy in schools comes at a time when language activists have been accusing the Centre of attempting to make Hindi a mandatory subject for non-Hindi speaking states.

"To expect 130 crore Indians to compulsorily learn Hindi is foolishness and nothing else. There is no sense is making it compulsory to learn Hindi when English is already serving as a link language. Instead of Hindi, let us learn languages from our own State like Tulu, and Kodava on priority as third languages," Prajwal Revanna said in a series of tweets.

Acknowledging the campaigns, especially those being undertaken online by Kannada activists, Prajwal said he would take up the matter in the Parliament.

"Until the time the campaign for the two-language policy being led by our youngsters doesn't reach its decisive end, I will strongly stand in solidarity. I will work towards fighting for it inside the Lok Sabha as well as outside the parliament and strike to end the three-language policy," Prajwal said, much to the glee of Kannada activists.

While JDS supremo HD Devegowda is on the ground, agitating against the State government's ordinances amending the Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act, Land Reforms Act and Industries Act to revive the party's core vote bank of farmers, Prajwal's support to the two-language policy is another part of the party's two-pronged strategy to secure its pro-Kannada, pro-farmer, regional party pride identities.

Will build Mekedatu dam, says BSY

Offers bagina under heavy security as farmers protest land reforms

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday reiterated his commitment to the proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir and drinking water project between Krishnaraja Sagar and Mettur reservoirs in Tamil Nadu.

He said that he would fulfil the hopes of Karnataka farmers, though the project is opposed by neighbouring Tamil Nadu. "We will seek approval from the Centre for the project, which will help meet drinking water needs in the southern districts of the state," he said, while offering bagina to KRS reservoir for the fifth time as CM.

The event, though, was marred by farmers agitating against the amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act. Several farmers were detained in Srirangapatna and HD Kote as they were heading to KRS to stage a black flag demonstration against Yediyurappa.

Yediyurappa offered bagina under heavy police cover, flanked by Ministers Ramesh Jarkiholi and S T Somashekar, MPs Sumalatha and Pratap Simha, and other MLAs. All roads leading to KRS wore a deserted look, with no vehicle allowed to enter the premises.

The Chief Minister spoke of his government's road map to expand the irrigated area in the state. "Our government has approved ₹84,000 crore for 28 projects in the past year," he said.

The veteran farmer leader, who was instrumental in commissioning the Pandavapura Sugar Factory, recalled that his government, in its previous term, replaced 18 gates of the 80-year-old KRS reservoir at a cost of ₹8.4 crore, and also took up modernisation of the Visvesvaraya Canal in Mandya district.

"Around 3.45 lakh acres is irrigated in KRS achukat falling in Mandya and Mysuru districts. I am happy that the dams are brimming for the past three years," he said.

Later, Yediyurappa flew to Kabini reservoir in HD Kote and offered bagina. He also laid the foundation for development works and construction of a new bridge across Kabini.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa offering bagina to Cauvery river at the KRS reservior on Friday. Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh was present | UDAYSHANKAR S

BONE OF CONTENTION

- Despite Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami's opposition, the Karnataka government wants to go ahead
- The CNNL has listed five international firms to execute the project
- Former Water Resources minister M B Patil submitted a proposal with an estimate of ₹5.9 cr to the Centre
- Farmers' forums have clarified that Karnataka will release Tamil Nadu its share of 177 tmcft water

Farmers rounded up

Farmers agitating against the Karnataka Land Reforms Act are also demanding a permanent ban on illegal mining in and around KRS reservoir. As they were rounded up near Shiramali Circle, State Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kurbur Shantha Kumar wanted to know whether prohibitory orders had been clamped.

Police took the farmers into custody as they are not allowed to meet the CM due to the pandemic.

Poor can pay home loans via pigmy collectors

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE Department of Housing is soon introducing a novel way for the poor, who have bought affordable flats in the government constructed apartments, to pay home loans easily. Instead of paying equated monthly installments (EMIs), they can opt to pay small amounts every day through pigmy collectors. The state government, which claims it to be the first such initiative in the country, is expected to launch it by the first week of September.

Over one lakh flats are under construction now, of which 50,000 are in BBMP limits. Under the housing scheme for economically weaker sections, a one-BHK house would cost Rs 10.56 lakh, of which the state and central governments give a subsidy of Rs 2.71 lakh for general and Rs 3.50 lakh for SC/ST beneficiaries. The government has selected close to 86,000 beneficiaries. Two BHK costs Rs 15 lakh and will be allotted through auction. Payment options for 2BHK will be initiated later.

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd chairman Ram Prasath Manohar said the novel initiative is the brainchild of Housing Minister V Somanna. Most of the beneficiaries are daily wage workers, who may find it difficult to pay EMIs. "That's why we are introducing the pigmy system, where one can pay every day Rs 50-100 to the authorised pigmy collector. We will draw pigmy collectors from banks, and each collector will be given 100 beneficiaries and a hand-held device. They will go to the doorsteps of beneficiaries, collect the amount and enter the amount on the machine on the spot. Immediately, an SMS alert will be sent to the beneficiary," he said.

The housing project is expected to be completed by 2022.

TRACKING COVID-19

Data from the last 15 days indicates that Shivamogga district has the highest positivity rate at 23.7%, followed by Belagavi at 21.3%, Ballari at 21.1%, and Bengaluru Urban at 14%.

NEW RECOVERIES 6,561 | TOTAL RECOVERIES 1,76,942

TALLY ON FRIDAY

TOTAL SAMPLES TESTED	57,623
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES	83,066
TOTAL DEATHS	93

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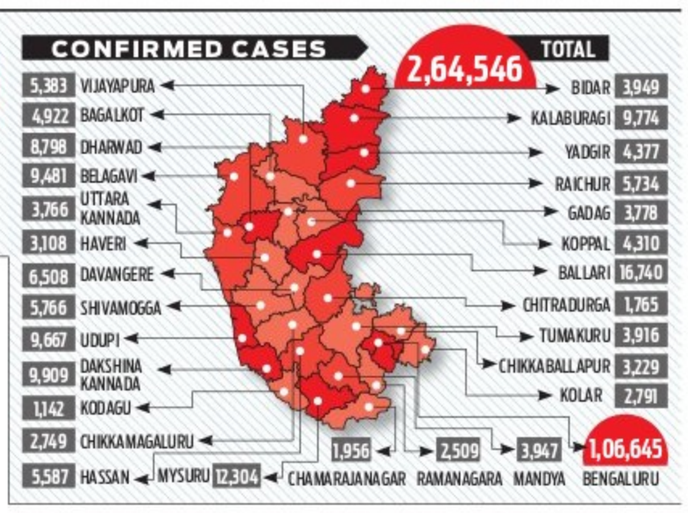

WE ARE WARRIORS, BUT WE ARE HUMAN TOO: STRESSED DOCS

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE suicide of the taluk doctor at Nanjangud is only the tip of the iceberg. Stress and exhaustion have affected government healthcare workers physically and mentally. They say they have been overworked for the past six months, in several cases without a day's leave.

A 55-year-old woman doctor on Covid duty at a government hospital in Bengaluru said, "We haven't had a single day off since March. I feel tired and suffer migraines often. We are ready to work but if there were more staff, we could have taken a weekly off. Doctors work extra shifts to help colleagues take off for religious festivals. Nurses don't even have this option and need to report each day."

Medicos feel the administration, comprising IAS and KAS officers, is not listening to the woes of the medical community. Each PHC (Primary Health Centre) has targets to meet in terms of Covid tests done per day. However, there are several practical factors that higher-ups don't account for.

"We have to wear and remove PPE kits, enter the patient's mobile number to generate an OTP through which the SRF ID gets assigned for the swab taken. We have to take down details of patient's name, risk status, if they are from containment zones and other details, all this takes time," said a PHC doctor from Bengaluru, on condition of anonymity.

A health worker sorts swab samples to conduct Rapid Antigen Tests, in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Doctors have to visit containment zones, test pregnant, symptomatic and other high-risk contacts, quarantine people, send positive patients into home isolation, Covid Care Centres (CCC) or hospitals. Non-Covid patients frequent PHCs for services such as urine tests and blood tests as well, which have to be attended to.

"We get calls even at midnight to shift patients by ambulance in case of emergency, and sudden deaths too. We need rest so we can maintain our own health," the doctor added. The rule that doctors have to be quarantined for 5 days after 10 days of Covid duty, is not followed due to excess workload.

"I haven't got a day's holiday since March. I tested positive, after which my pregnant wife was also infected. We are not corona warriors but are human beings. When we reach targets, we are not appreciated and if we don't meet them, we are reprimanded," said Dr Vinay Manjunath who works at a PHC in Chikkaballapur, while also a CCC.

Bagalkot DHO Dr Ananth Desai said health staff are under severe pressure due to testing targets. "We can perform better if the government doesn't pressure us with targets," Dr Desai said.

Doctors demand ZP CEO be suspended immediately

> The doctor's family has not asked for money, they would want justice instead. The government must initiate action against those who played a role in pushing him to take this step
>
> DK Shivakumar, KPCC President

> The doctor's family should be given compensation of Rs 1 crore, Rs 50 lakh will not do. The government should take the full responsibility for his death
>
> Eshwar Khandre, KPCC Working President

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

MEDICAL professionals in Mysuru continued to boycott medical services, except for emergency services, and remained off Covid duty, demanding the suspension of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, who is accused of abetting the suicide of Nanjangud taluk health officer Dr Nagendra.

Though Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, bowing to pressure from the medical fraternity, announced Rs 50 lakh ex-gratia and ordered a Regional Commissioner-level inquiry, doctors and members of the medical association did not budge, and demanded immediate suspension of Mishra.

As the protest entered the second day, several doctors and healthcare workers from Mandya, Chamarajanagar and neighbouring districts too joined the protest as a mark of support, condemning the suicide of the Covid warrior, allegedly due to pressure.

The Covid War Room, which gathers, uploads and updates case details in the district, too remained closed after the staff did not turn up to work, as a mark of protest. While Covid-19 case details of all districts were announced in the daily bulletin, fresh cases, recoveries and deaths remained zero for Mysuru.

District minister S T Somashekhar along with MLAs S A Ramdas and L Nagendra paid a visit to the MMCRI mortuary where the body of the health officer was taken for a postmortem. Somashekhar told reporters, "The CM ordered an RC-level inquiry and asked for a report within seven days. If the family members of the deceased want the probe to be conducted by any other officer or police commissioner in the state, we are ready. I request the doctors to inform us if they face any issues pertaining to work, we will sort out things."

Meanwhile, members of the medical association and several doctors have threatened to intensify the protest and call a statewide protest if the government fails to suspend Mishra immediately.

Expert committee finds excess use of oxygen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AT a time when there is a surge in demand for oxygen to treat Covid-19 patients, the clinical expert committee has found that there is non-judicious and excessive use of oxygen therapy without proper monitoring. The revelation is part of a circular released by the Health Department.

"Excessive use besides having deleterious health effects is resulting in the wastage of precious resources leading to a shortage of the commodity and waste of money. The Clinical Expert Committee has considered it necessary to issue guidelines for judicious use of oxygen...," the circular read.

B'luru crosses 1L mark

Bengaluru Urban crossed the one lakh mark in the total Covid-positive cases after it recorded 2,948 positive patients, bringing the total to 1,02,770. For the entire state, the total number of cases was 7,571, and the tally was 2,64,546.

The state also reported 93 deaths, taking the toll to 4,522. Bengaluru Urban topped the list with 22 deaths, of whom two were over 90 years old. A 95-year-old man, diagnosed with SARI and breathlessness, passed away on Tuesday. In another case, a 92-year-old woman, also diagnosed with SARI, passed away the same day. In Kalaburagi, a 92-year-old man with cough and breathlessness died on August 13.

The state saw 6,561 discharges, taking the total to 1,76,942. The recovery rate stood at 66.3 per cent, with Bengaluru Rural on top of the table with 83.7 per cent, followed by Bagalkot at 82.1% and Chikkaballapura at 81%. The recovery rate in Bengaluru Urban is 64.1 per cent.

No patients seen at a free Covid testing centre a day before Ganesha Chaturthi, in Banashankari, Bengaluru, on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

PROTESTS TO CONTINUE TILL DEMANDS MET: IMA

Bengaluru: The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Karnataka began a two-day protest starting Friday, over the suicide of Dr Nagendra, Taluk Health Officer from Nanjangud. This will be followed by a candlelight protest on Sunday. The Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association issued a statement demanding that the government remove all nodal officers appointed on Covid-19 duty, and appoint officials from the Health and Family Welfare department. It also demanded action against officers responsible for the death. If the government fails to meet their demands, the doctors have threatened not to treat patients, except emergency cases, from August 24. "Doctors are facing a lot of pressure from higher-ups and are in depression. Government health centres have 50% vacancies, and doctors are toiling day and night," said Dr Srinivas, state secretary, IMA Karnataka. The Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association is also lending support to the protest. ENS

Jnanpith awardee, renowned Kannada writer and critic UR Ananthamurthy passed away this day in 2014. Considered a pioneer of the Navya literary movement, he was shortlisted for the Man Booker, and was an outright critic of PM Narendra Modi

Vehicles banned on NH-52

Bridge damaged due to floods; Krishna water level likely to rise again

The bridge on National Highway-52 over Malaprabha river that has been damaged due to the recent flooding, at Konnur in Gadag district | EXPRESS

MAHESH M GOUDAR
@Bagalkot/Vijayapura

EVEN as floodwaters have receded in the catchment areas of Malaprabha river, authorities have suspended vehicular movement on the National Highway-52, connecting Vijayapura with Hubballi, as a bridge collapsed near Konnur in Gadag district.

Vehicles have been banned for the last one week along the highway. First, the bridge was submerged under Malaprabha water. Later when the water receded, the bridge was found to be damaged bridge, forcing the authorities to continue with the ban on vehicular movement.

Local authorities directed officials to repair the bridge, which was damaged during last year's floods too. The complaint now is that the authorities did not repair it properly.

Krishna river in spate

Krishna river is in spate and inflows into the Almatti dam were steadily increasing. At 8 am on Friday, it was 2.74 lakh cusecs and it had increased to 2.9 lakh cusecs by evening. The dam authorities are releasing 2.5 lakh cusecs for the past four days.

R P Kulkarni, chief engineer of Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama Limited, said, "The water level in the Krishna river might increase in the next 24 hours. However, the water level in Ghataprabha river is decreasing. These variations helped us keep outflow at 2.5 lakh cusecs. We need 22 tmcft of water to reach the total storage capacity of 123 tmc ft. We are also coordinating with officials of Maharashtra to maintain water levels to prevent floods in the Krishna basin."

12-year-old boy washed away in floodwaters

A 12-year-old boy was allegedly washed away in floodwaters near Bhimalli village of Kalaburagi taluk, on Thursday. Police said the boy, identified as Mallikarjun, had accompanied a 22-year-old youth to Bhimalli village on a two-wheeler. They were returning home in the evening when their bike was caught in gushing water of an overflowing stream. While the youth managed to swim to safety, the boy was washed away.

Centre releases ₹395 cr flood fund

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Union Finance Ministry released ₹395.5 crore as the second installment of the central government's share of the State Disaster Response Mitigation Fund (SDRMF) on Friday.

The Centre's first installment share of ₹395.5 crore was released to Karnataka in April this year.

"We had requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to release funds to take up relief works after heavy rain. Responding to the state's request, the Centre released SDRMF fund of ₹395.5 crore as advance," Revenue Minister R Ashoka stated on Friday.

Earlier this month, during a video conference with the PM, Revenue Minister Ashoka and Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai had briefed the PM about the extent of rain and flood damage. The state had initially pegged the damages at ₹4,000 crore and sought financial assistance from the Centre to tackle the situation. However, according to officials, a detailed report is being prepared and the extent of damage could go up to ₹10,000 crore. During the video conference, the State had also requested the release of SDRMF funds.

CRIME PATROL

Truck driver held for writer's murder

A 30-year-old truck driver, who had allegedly murdered the writer of a transport agency, has been arrested by the RMC Yard police. Soma D N, who hails from KR Pet, is accused of murdering Prashanth (23), who was working as a writer at Shakti Cargo Transport firm in RMC Yard, on Tuesday. Police said there were frequent fights between him and Soma over the former not assigning work to Soma. On Tuesday night, Prashanth was having dinner at home when he got a phone call from Soma, and they quarrelled. "Prashanth left the house and reached office, where Soma stabbed him in the head and abdomen with a knife," the police said.

Covid-19 lockdown helped us study better, say toppers

PREEJA PRASAD & IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

RAKSHITH M was in for a surprise when the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) results were announced on Friday. Though he was expecting a rank, he did not know he would top in the engineering course. He likes music and he listens to Carnatic music in his free time. "I have been singing for four years now," he told *TNIE*.

Speaking about KCET, Rakshith, a student of RV PU College said, "My main focus was on three subjects – physics, chemistry and maths. The lockdown helped me study longer and without distractions. I studied for five hours a day and solved many question papers every day. I want to pursue Computer Science engineering in the future."

Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and other officials at a press conference to announce the KCET results in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Toppers said that though Covid was giving everyone a tough time, it actually helped the students. Shubhan R from Sri Chaitanya E Techno School secured the second rank under the engineering group. "The lockdown helped me as I could get good sleep, wake up with a fresh mind and study for long. I want to pursue Computer Science at IIT Bombay and then do Artificial Intelligence. So, right now my focus is on getting a good rank even in the JEE Advanced exams."

Advaith Prasad Curpod from Air Force School, who secured the eighth rank under the engineering group, said, "I want to pursue computer engineering and my main focus is on the JEE advanced exams."

Counselling for CET to go online, starts in Sept

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THREE students scored cent per cent in chemistry, while 80 achieved the distinction in biology. The results can be accessed on kea.kar.nic.in and karresults.nic.in.

This year, KCET was held in 497 centres in 127 locations across Karnataka, with 1,75,349 candidates appearing for it.

Announcing the results, Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, who is also the higher education minister, said document verification will be done online to prevent students from appearing physically because of the raging Covid-19 pandemic. Counselling will be held in October, the dates for which will be announced soon. The academic year will start in November as per the All-India Council for Technical Education calendar. He said 63 students who appeared for CET were Covid-positive and special arrangements were made for them and those with symptoms along with students coming from containment zones. Among the 63, one has secured the 214th rank and another 615th rank.

He said online training, "GetCETgo", conducted for students preparing for CET, was found to be successful as many students used it.

बिहार सरकार

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के अन्तर्गत **PMU-I** (विशेष अनुश्रवण कोषांग) में **IEC Expert के पद पर संविदा नियोजन के लिए वॉक–इन–इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in Interview) की सूचना।**

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2. उपर्युक्त पद पर संविदा आधारित नियोजन के संबंध में नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग (प्रथम तल्ला), विकास भवन, नया सचिवालय, बिहार, पटना–800015 में वॉक–इन–इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in Interview) में अपना बायोडाटा एवं शैक्षणिक अहर्त्ता/अनुभव संबंधी प्रमाण पत्रों की मूल एवं स्व–अभिप्रमाणित छायाप्रति के साथ उपस्थित होंगे।
3. **सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारियों के लिए (संविदा के आधार पर)**
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East by : Plot No. 8B — West by : KIADB Road
North by : KIADB Road — South By : Plot No. 8E.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the link 'E-Auction' provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Manager, SME Mahadevapura branch, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-28513069, and Mobile number: 9686440915 during office hours on any working day.

Date: 20.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

For **CANARA BANK**
Authorised Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our client **SMT.SARASWATHIDEVI**, W/o.Late Bylanarasaiah, had **lost** the original documents viz., 1) Sale deed dated 30-08-1999 document No.5506/1999-2000, 2) Sale deed dated 22-06-2006, document No.18955/2006-07, 3) Khatha Certificate dated 26-04-2018, 4) Khatha Extract dated 26-04-2018, 5) Tax paid receipt dated 06-06-2018, for the period of 2018-19, in respect of property bearing No.1, Assessment No.37, T.Dasarahalli Nagarasabhe ward No.7, Khatha No.5, situated at Bagalgunte Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, while traveling from Bagalgunte towards Yeshwanthapura Revenue office by auto. If anybody found the said document please contact this No. 9844155041, 9739123775.

V.S.RAI & ASSOCIATES, LAW FIRM.
No.23, "Venkatadri" 6th Main, 5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27. PH:080-22223949.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients **D.A. RAMANATH**, son of late D. Anandakrishnaiah Setty and **SUHAS D.R.**, son of D.A. Ramanath (Mobile: 8123961928), intend to purchase the schedule property from its owners **T.A. GAYATHRI**, wife of late M.R. Neelakanta, **M.N. NIRMALA**, wife of Sham Sundar M., and **SHARMILA NAVEEN PRASAD**, wife of Naveen N. Prasad. The above mentioned owners represent that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and that they are having clear and marketable title.

Any person/s, banks, financial institutions and non-banking financial institutions having any right, title, interest or claim/s over the schedule property or anyone having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property No. 257, PID No. 54-169-257, Vishwabharathi H.B.C.S., Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore, (Formerly **Site No. 257,** Phase No. 1 of Vishwabharathi International Complex Project Layout (Girinagar), Bangalore), presently coming within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 162, Girinagara and measuring East to West: 30 feet + 32 feet / 2 and North to South: 54 feet, totally measuring about 1674 square feet, together with a ground floor house known as "Madhugiri" and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing No. 256;
West by : Road;
North by : Road;
South by : Property bearing No. 250.

K.P. RAMDAS, Advocate
No. 418/31-2, 18th Main, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar
Bangalore-41. M: 9341218392

Bangalore — Date : 21-08-2020

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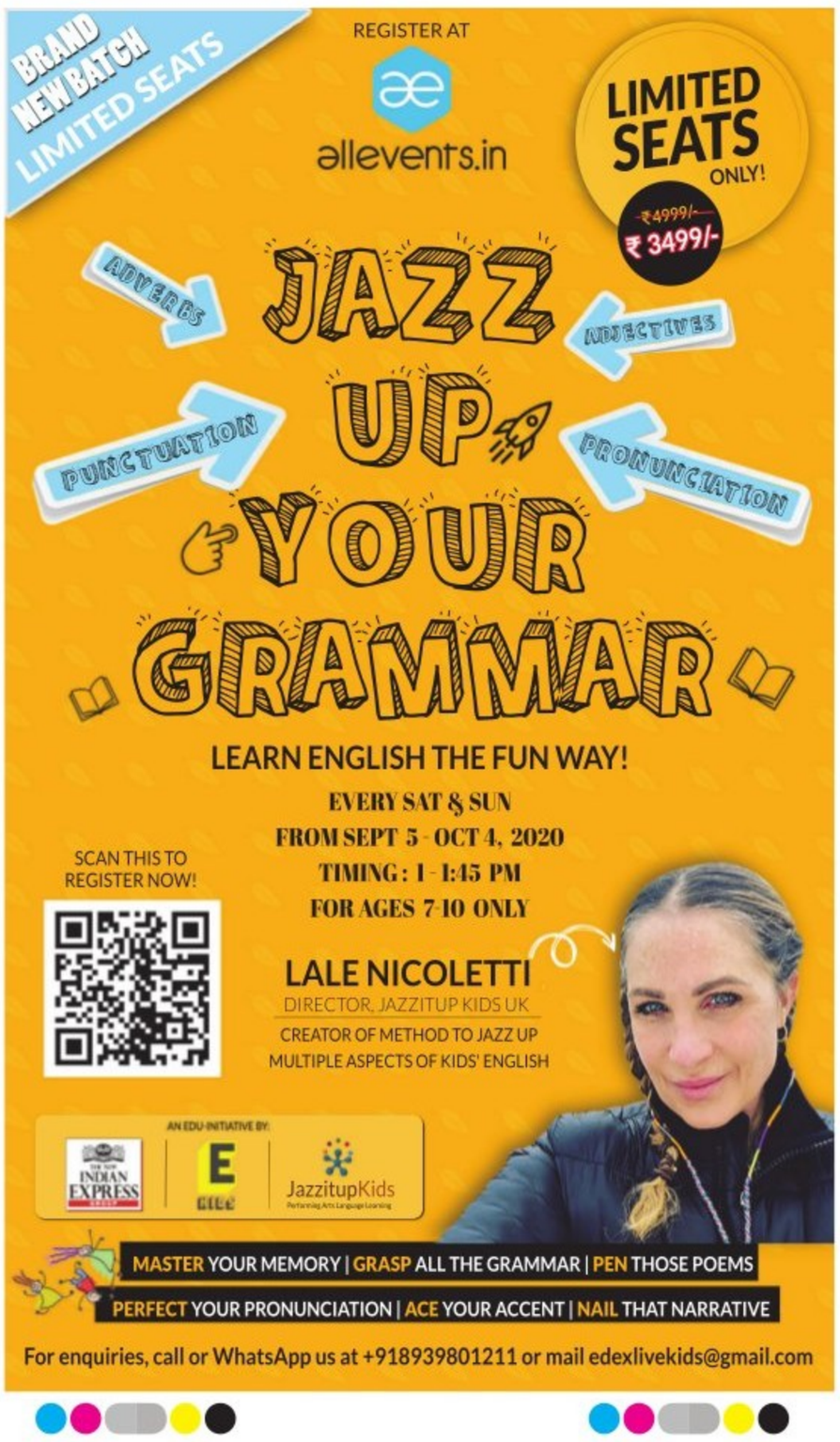
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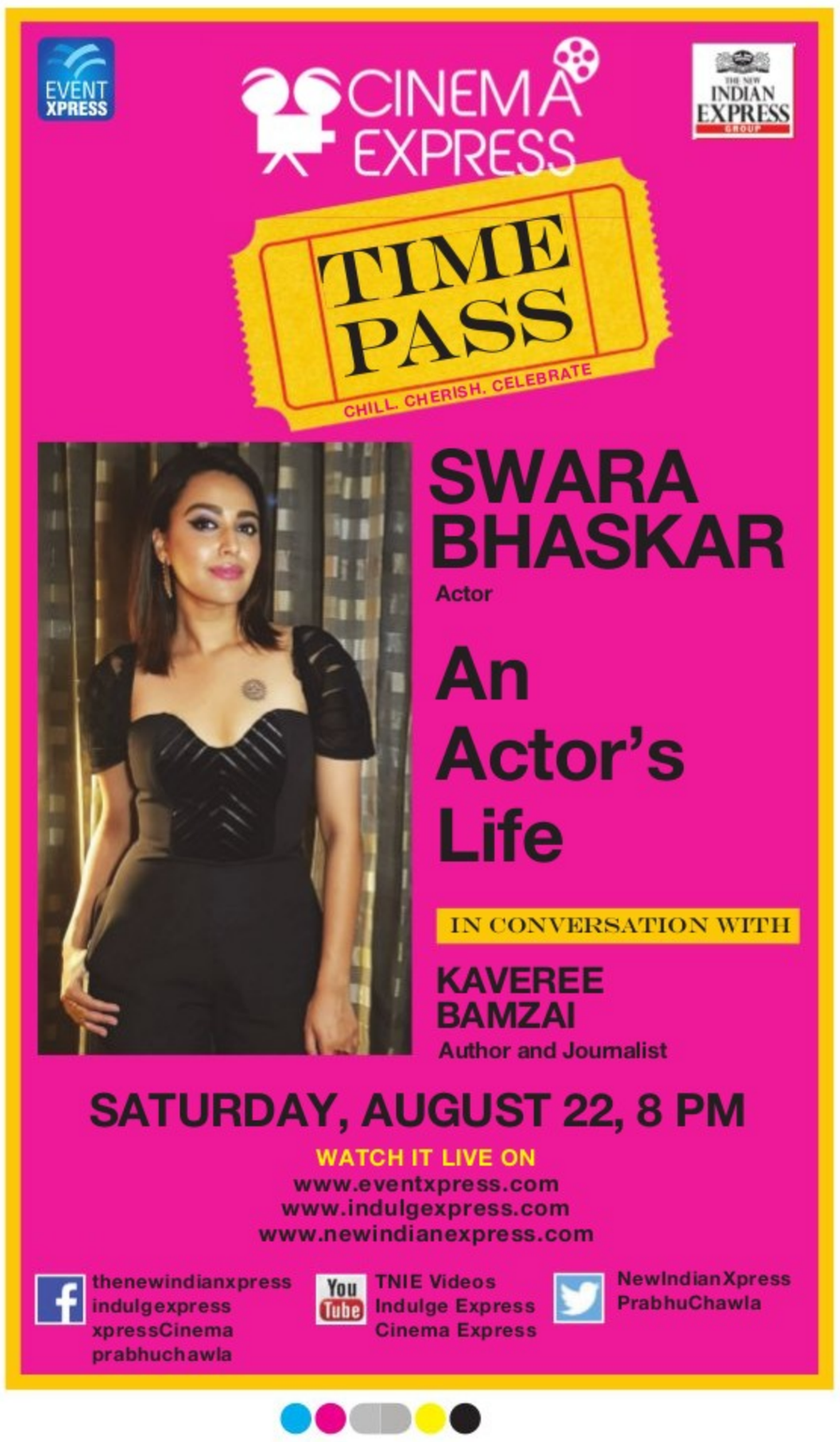

NOTICE FOR SALE OF ASSETS

RA POWERGEN ENGINEERS PVT LTD – IN LIQUIDATION

Sale of Assets of the Company under IBC, 2016
By Mr. Kanekal Chandrasekhar
Works: Survey No.9/1, Bangalore Mysore Road, Mudigere, Channapatna Taluk, Ramnagar District-571501 Karnataka
Mob: 78998 02070 Email: kanekal.chandru@gmail.com

Sale of assets of the Company undergoing Liquidation being conducted by the Liquidator on as and where and best and Ex-situ on e-auction basis.

Brief description of the assets:

1. Residual machines of Powder Coating unit
2. Material Handle crane
3. DG Set of 140 KVA
4. And other scraps

Interested parties may visit our work address between 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M from Monday to Friday for physical checking of the above items for submitting their application / quotation.

Base Price for all material together – Rs. 17.34 Lakhs.
Last date for submission of bid form with EMD of Rs. One Lakhs - 31.08.2020
E-auction date and other details will be informed to the applicants.
Successful bidders must settle balance in within 30 days.

Sd/- Mr. Kanekal Chandrasekhar
Liquidator
Date: 20.08.2020
Bengaluru. Reg. No.: IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00642/2018-19/11964

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Anekal Branch
Bangalore -562106.
Mob: 9449860043.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **14.08.2019** calling upon the borrowers **M/s Yuktha Marketing, Prop. Mr. Raghunandan K** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.18,77,274/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two hundred Seventy Four Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **19th Day of Aug of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.18,77,274/-** + Interest other charges thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

Property standing in the name of Smt. Preemaleela D, All the piece and Parcel of the immovable property being a house property bearing No. 22, Anekal TMC Khatha No. 1171/470/22 situated at anekal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Presently in Anekal Town, formed in converted lands in Sy. No. 70/1 of Anekal Village, admeasuring East to west : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet, (totally 1200 sq feet) along with building formed in converted lands in Sy No. 70/1 of Anekal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban District, coming under the limits of Anekal town Muncipal Council and Bounded the : East by: Site No. 21, West by: Site No. 23, North by: Site No. 29, South by: 20 feet wide road.

Date : 19.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank, Anekal Branch, Bangalore

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANITHA BAI P W/o** Somanath Rao R/at No.32, Chathrapathi Nivas, 3rd Cross, Patel Muniyappa Layout, V Nagenahalli, Bengaluru -560032 have changed my name to **ANITHA BAI** vide affidavit dated:21/08/2020 Before Notary **Jalandhara** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SARLA DEVI (OLD / EXISTING NAME), W/o MWO Ramkishan Khokha, residing at G-20, BSR Towers, 1st Green Wood Layout, Varanasi, Bengaluru-560036, have changed my name from **SARLA DEVI (OLD / EXISTING NAME)** to **SARALA DEVI (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 20/08/2020 sworn before Notary N. Peruvazhuthi, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANJUNATH. K S/o Krishnappa, aged 29 years, R/at No.252, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Krishnayyanapalya, Bengaluru 560038, have changed my name from **MANJUNATHA. K** to **"MANJUNATH. K"**. vide affidavit dated 21.08.2020 sworn to before Notary **Puttaramaiah,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHOK KUMAR P.D, Residing at No. 58, 4th Block, 8th Main, Adarsha Nagar, Arasinakunte, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-562123, have changed my minor son's name from **SANJAY. A** to **SANJAY. A. DISALE** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2020 sworn before advocate and notary Gangaraja.C.B, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. RAJYALAKSHMI JAGANMOHAN,** R/at #506, 5th cross, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bangalore -560043, have changed my name from **M.RAJYALAKSHMI** to **M. RAJYALAKSHMI JAGANMOHAN** vide affidavit dated 20 Aug 2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary, Uday Kumar K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHAHEDA BEGUM, Residing at No. 23/15, Furqhaan Meadows Apartment, Benson A Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHAHIDA BEGUM** vide affidavit Dated 21/08/2020 sworn before Notary K.C.Gowthami, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JWO KRISHNA NAND PRASAD is resident of SMQ No. 893/03, Prasad Enclave, Air Force Station Jalahalli (West) Bangalore - 560015 has changed my son's name from **SURAJ KUMAR PRASAD 'PRAMOD'** to **'SURAJ KUMAR PRASAD'** vide Affidavit dated 19 Aug 20 before Prakash C Notary Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, MUBASHIRA TAJ, D/o Late Hussain Asadullah Baig, residing at #E81, 6 A Cross, Manyata Residency, Thanisandra, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore states that the names **MUBASHIRA BANO, MUBASHIRA TAJUDEEN** and **MUBASHIRA TAJ** refers to one and same person me, Vide AFFIDAVIT dated 19/8/2020 before Notary A.IDINABBA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUMARI SAWARN KAUR, Wife of 6487283Y, HAV (ASH), PIARA SINGH, residing at Hazara, Hussainiwala, Ferozepur, Ferozepur, Ferozepur 152001, Punjab, shall henceforth be known as **SARWAN KAUR** vide affidavit dated: 21.08.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Syed Abrar, S/o. Syed Mohamood, R/at.No.31, B Street, Slaughter House Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560057. have changed my name from **SYED ABRAR AHMED** to **SYED ABRAR,** vide affidavit dated: 21.08.2020 Sworn to before Notary Prakash.C, Bengaluru-560079.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, THIMMARAJU VENKATESH, Son of K.C.Venkatesh, resident of No.1498,3rd Cross, Near Vinayaka Temple, Reddypalya, HAL Post, Bangalore -560017, have changed my name to **DHANUSH VENKATESH,** vide affidavit dated 20/08/2020 by Notary, K. Venkateshan, Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our clients have proposed to purchase the Schedule property mentioned hereunder from its present owners **SMT.SARASWATHIDEVI, KUMARI LEKHA H.B. AND MASTER PUNEETH H.B., (MINORS), REPRESENTED BY THEIR MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN SMT. MANGALAGOWRAMMA.** Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing No.1, Assessment No.37, T.Dasarahalli Nagarasabhe ward No.7, Khatha No.5, situated at Bagalgunte Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft., **totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft.** along with constructed building thereon and bounded on:
East by : B.V.Pandurangaiah's property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.2, **South by :** Road.

V.S.RAI & ASSOCIATES, LAW FIRM.
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6[th] Main, 5[th] Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27. PH:080-22223949.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client **M/s. SAMHITA DEVELOPERS,** Represented by its Managing Partner **Mr.R.BALA SAKETH REDDY** intends to enter into Joint Development Agreement of Property bearing Converted **Sy No.132/1,** measuring **3 Acres 08 Guntas,** Converted **Sy No.132/3,** measuring 0-39 Guntas and 0-04 guntas of land reserved for H.T.Line, measuring **1 Acre 03 Guntas,** Converted **Old Sy No.132/4, New Sy No.132/5,** measuring **1 Acre 03 Guntas** and Converted **Sy No.132/2, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas** vide conversion Nos.ALN(E.B) SR 37/11-12 & ALN(E.B) SR 38/11-12, both dated 08/08/2011, issued by Special deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at **Kithaganur Village,** Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, **totally measuring 6 Acres 20 Guntas** and 0-04 guntas of land reserved for H.T.Line, and bounded on the:
East by : Private Property; **West by :** Road & Private Property; **North by :** Private Layout; **South by :** Private Layout;
With Land Owners **Mr.M.CHANDRASHEKAR,** S/o Late.Sri.M.Muniyappa, and **Mr.N.NAGARAJA,** S/o Late Sri. M.Nagappa,
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from this day to the undersigned.

R. SANTHOSH KUMAR Associates, Advocates, Flat No.406, Motati Medows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 093, Ph: 080- 41718108.
Developer Contact No.6366056688

AUCTION PURCHASE NOTICE

Ref-AUCT/R1/002999216

Auction held on - **28th January 2020, Mr. Shiva Kumar R** & **Mr. Sunil Kumar R,** have been awarded the auction purchaser by Deutsche Bank AG, for **Site No. 2380 HAL Layout, 2nd Stage PID No. 74-1-2380, Jeevanbheema nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka.** As part of the auction sale, the property in concern will be purchased **on 21st August 2020** by obtaining a Sale Certificate from Deutsche Bank AG followed by property Registration **within 30 days.**

Please contact **9844061678 within 30 days** of this advertisement if there is any concern/objection regarding this auction purchase.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri. S K Govinda Raju** S/o late **D K Krishnappa** and **Smt. N A Sarala** W/o **S K Govinda Raju,** both are residing at No.2019, HIG, 3[rd] Cross,'B' Sector,3[rd] Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560 064, have entered into an agreement with **Smt. Shwetha N R.** W/o **Shivaraja G A,** Residing at Gadenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangaluru North Taluk- 562157, to purchase schedule property. The person having any kind of right, title or interest over the property or any objections may write to the undersigned within **15 days** with documentary proof. Objections are not received in time my clients will proceed further as if no objections.

SCHEDULE

All that pieces and parcel of the vacant residential site No. 265/A, in 407 SFS, KHB Colony, IV Phase Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560 064, BBMP Katha No.696/265A, situated at Ward-3 Attur, BBMP; Measuring **East to West:11.62 + 11.90/2 Meters, North to South 12.00 Meters,** Bounded on the:
East By: Road,
West By: Site No. 261/A,
North By: Site No. 265,
South By: Site No. 265/B.
Bengaluru,
Date:21/08/2020

A. Muniraja, BA.,LLB.
Advocate
No.16/4, Kogilu Cross, Kogilu Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64. Mob: 9845161600

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client is intending to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with **Sri N R Pandit Aradhya** son of Late N Rudraiah, aged about 81 years, residing at No:542, Fourteenth Main, Twenty Second Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore – 560 070, for the development of the residential property bearing municipal No:542 (BDA site bearing No:542), situated at Fourteenth Main Road, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:165 (old ward No:56) PID No:56-75-542, measuring East to West : (21 + 20.7) / 2 Mtrs. and North to South : 21 Mtrs. and bounded on the East By : BDA Site Bearing No:543, West By : Road, North By : BDA Site Bearing No:541 and South By : Road;

It is informed to me that the aforesaid Owner Sri.N R Pandit Aradhya has purchased the above property in a Public Auction conducted on 05-03-2003, conducted by the Debt Recovery Tribunal for recovery of the outstanding amount due and payable to Syndicate Bank, Banashankari Branch Bangalore, in OA No:1138/1995 on the file of the Debt Recovery Tribunal Bangalore and the Auction Sale is confirmed in favour of Sri.N R Pandit Aradhya, by the Debt Recovery Tribunal under Section 19(7) of the SARFAESI Act in pursuance of the Sale Certificate dt: 21-04-2003, registered as document No:499/2003-04, Book I, stored in CD No:21 and registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore. It is further informed that the present owner is not possession the under mentioned documents as the same are not delivered to him either by the Debt Recovery Tribunal and/or Syndicate Bank;

i. Possession Certificate issued by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in favour of Smt.J Latha Achar;
ii. Auction Sale Deed dated 28-04-2000 executed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in favour of Smt.J Latha Achar and registered as document No:362/2000-01, Book I, Volume 2199, Pages 139 to 148 and registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Jayanagar, Bangalore;
iii. All other revenue documents;

In the above circumstances, Sri N R Pandit Aradhya has lodged a Police complaint / Lost Report with Bangalore City Police on 19-08-2020 vide Report No:099587/2020;

The general public are hereby warned not to enter any transactions / agreements in respect of the above property on the basis of the above mentioned missing documents. Any, person, having any claim over the above property claiming through the present owner and/or predecessors in title or any other person and/or on the basis of the missing documents, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within seven (07) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the terms of the Joint Development and also enter into other agreement/s and/or documents in pursuance thereof. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client. Inspite of this Public Notice, if any person/s enter into any transaction/s and contract, then, the said transaction/s / contract/s are neither binding on the Owner Sri.N R Pandit Aradhya nor my Client;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK
N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, Advocates,
Rachana Law Associates, "Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070
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E-Tender Notice

Tender No. ELCORE-OHE-EPC-15A **Closing Date/Time: 05.11.2020, 15:00**

CAO/RE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. ELCORE-OHE-EPC-15 A Closing Date/Time 05.11.2020 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc, are not allowed.

1. NIT HEADER

Name of work:- EPC TENDER: Request for proposal For "Electrification of the railway linse in various sections of Northeast Frontier Railway (the "Project") through Engineering. Procurement and Construction (the "EPC") Contract" [Bid/Package No. EPC-15A]

Bidding Type	**EPC [Single Stage]**		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Two Packet System
Tender Closing Date Time	05.11.2020 15:00	Date Time of Uploading Tender	**20.08.2020, 19:17**
Pre-Bid Required	Yes	Pre-Bid Query Date Time	14.09.2020 11.00
Advertised Value (₹)	**2815325085.25**	Tendering Section	OHE
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender	Bidding Unit	Rs.
Earnest Money (₹)	**14076700.00**	Validity of Offer (Days)	180
Tender Doc. Cost (₹)	0.00	Period of Completion	720 Days
Contract Type	Works	Contract Category	Expenditure
Bidding Start Date	22.10.2020	Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid	Yes
Ranking Order For Bids	Lowest to Highest	Expenditure Type	Capital (Works)
Docs. Receipt Confimation	Required		

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E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisions to Sub-Rule (6) Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Bank of India, the symbolic/constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **9.9.2020** at **11.00 am to 12.00 noon** for Recovery of the below mentioned amount along with further interest together with cost expenses incurred and due to Bank of India.

Borrower : 1) M/s. Turquoise & Gold Apparels Pvt Ltd.,
B-24, KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -560 064.
2) Mrs. Dimple Varma,
3) Ms. Samara Mahindra,
4) Ms. Natasha Mahindra,
All are at : "The GALLOP Broad Acres Stud Farm," Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560 064.
Liablities : **Rs. 23,75,71,561.87** (Rupees Twenty Three Crore Seventy Five Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One and Eighty Seven Paise) plus Charges and Costs etc.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

SCHEDULE - I : 1. All that piece and parcel of the factory land and building situated at Shed No. B-24, BBMP Khata No.13/B-24, situated at KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Ward No.3 of Yelahanaka Sub Division in the name of the company, measuring east to west 16.25 mtrs and North to South 33.50 mtrs totally measuring 544.38 sqmtrs, and bounded on East by Shed No.B-23, West by KSSIDC Service road, North by Road and South by KHB road and the property in the name of the company **M/s. Turquoise & Gold Apparels (P) Ltd.**

2. All that piece and parcel of Property bearing industrial shed No. B-23, situated at Industrial Estate Plot No. 9, 25, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Mandalkunte and Puttanahally, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now bearing new BBMP No.38/B-23, BBMP ward No.3, along with buildings and structures both present and future thereon, measuring East to West 16.20 mts and North to South 33.45 mts totally measuring 541.89 sqmtrs, and bounded on **East by :** Service Road, **West by :** Shed No.B-24, **North by :** Service Road and **South by :** 40 ft Road, owned jointly by **Ms. Natasha Mahindra, Ms.Samara Mahindra and Mrs. Dimple Varma.**

3. All that piece and parcel of industrial shed No. B-23, situated at Industrial Estate Plot No. 9, 25, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Mandalkunte and Puttanahally, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now bearing new BBMP No.38/B-23, BBMP ward No.3, measuring 234.50 sq mts and bounded on **East by :** KHB plot No.29, **West by :** Shed No.B-23, **North by :** KSSIDC office road and **South by :** KHB road, owned jointly by **Ms. Natasha Mahindra, Ms.Samara Mahindra and Mrs. Dimple Varma.**

The Reserve Price is **Rs.5,84,00,000/-** and the Earnest Money Deposit is **Rs.58,40,000/-**

SCHEDULE - II. 1. All that piece and parcel of the residential property situated at Flat No. 3B, now having new municipal no.1/19, having PID No.92-31-1/19, 3rd Floor, B block, in the residential apartment building known as **"SWEET HOMES,"** constructed on property bearing municipal No.1, old no.9, situated at Benson Road, Benson town, within corporation division No.83.0, measuring 728 sq ft. of Super built up area and undivided share to an extent of 813 sq ft and bounded on **East by :** Flat 2C of Sweet Homes, **West by :** Vacant Place of same building, **North by :** Passage & off private property and **South by** : Private Property, and the said flat is owned by **Ms. Samara Mahindra**.

2. All that piece and parcel of the residential property situated at flat No.3C, now having new municipal no.1/20, having PID No.92-31-1/20, 3rd Floor, C Block, in the residential apartment building known as **"SWEET HOMES,"** constructed on property bearing municipal No.1, old no.9, situated at Benson Road, Benson town, within corporation division No.83, measuring 626 sq ft. of Super built up area and undivided share to an extent of 711 sq ft. and bounded on **East by** : Flat 3B of Sweet Homes, **West by** : Passage and off private property, **North by** : Passage & off private property and **South by :** Private Property, and the said flat is owned by **Ms. Natasha Mahindra.**

The Reserve Price is **Rs.86,00,000/-** and the Earnest Money Deposit is **Rs.8,60,000/-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IBA website i.e.**https://ibapi.in**

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 20.8.2020
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

DHFL Changing Rules Changing Lives

DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

National Office: HDIL Towers, B-wing, 6th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Station Road, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051. **Regional office:** Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd., 2nd & 3rd Floor, Rustomjee R-cade, Rustomjee Acres, Dahisar West, Maharashtra-400068

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub -section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Loan Code	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
(Loan Code No.00009150) / Thane Branch), Nikhil Dayanand Baljekar (Borrower) Vibha Nikhil Baljekar (COBORROWER 1) Escenta Solutions Services Pvt Ltd (COBORROWER 2)	All the Part & Parcel of Property-N. A. Plot No. 01, G F+ F F+ S F, R S No. 35/2/1, Near Marathi School, Bus Stop No. 16, Hari Mandir, Angol, Belagavi, Karnakat Belgaum Karnataka 590006	9/26/2019 for Rs.2,22,89,329/-Rupees Two Crores Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and Paise Zero Only	20.08.2020
(Loan Code No.00002266)/Ghodbunder Branch),Pratik Das (Borrower)Roli Das(COBORROWER 1)	All the Part & Parcel of Property-Row House No 5, Motzkin Park Terrace, S Medahalli Vill, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, Bengaluru Karnataka 562125	11/19/2019 for Rs.1,08,15,032/-Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Thirty Two and Paise Zero Only	17.08.2020

Date : 22.08.2020
Place : Karnataka
Sd/-, (Authorised officer)
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

AXIS BANK

#45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027, Landmark - Above Passport Seva Kendra)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 10-Sep-2020** for recovery of the below mentioned amounts due to Axis Bank Ltd. from the below mentioned borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned herein below.

For recovery of	Name of the Borrower and name of the Guarantor	Location / Details of the Immovable Property/ Secured Assets possessed and put for sale	Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank.	Reserve Price. / EMD
Rs. 3,91,48,873.77/- (Rupees Three Crores Ninety One lakh fourth eight thousand eight hundred seventy three and seventy seven paisa only) under Loan **A/c No. 915060029004826** due as on **31.05.2018,** along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization.	**1) M/s. North East Infrastructures** Represented by its Managing Partners, No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T. Nag ar, Bangalore – 562106. **2) Mr. Sridhar. R, Partner of M/s. North East Infrastructures,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106 **Also at,** No.602, RMV 2nd Stage, 3rd Block, Opp to RMV Club, Sanjaynagar, Dollars Colony, Bangalore – 560094. **Also at,** No.15, 4th Floor, Sri Lakshmi Complex, Saint Marks Road, Bangalore - 560001. **3) Mrs. Sumathi, (Legal heir of MR. Nagaraju. N,)** W/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju.N, Naksh atra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No. 485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **4) Mrs. Poorn ima, (Legal heir of MR. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o. Late Mr. Nagaraju.N, Aged about 38 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **5) Mrs. Sushma, (Legal heir of Mr. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju.N, Aged about 35 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106. **Also at,** No.5, 1st Cross, D V Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **6) Mrs. Vidya, (Legal heir of Mr. Nagaraju. N,)** D/o.Late Mr.Nagaraju. N, Aged about 31 years, Nakshatra Palace, S.Y.No. 189, BSF-STS Road, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenhalli, Bangalore – 560063. **Also at,** No.485, 6th Cross, HMT layout, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 562106	**Schedule of immovable property:** All that piece and parcel of the Commercial property bearing Municipal No.1, Krishna Reddy Layout, Horamavu Road, Banaswadi, Ward No.88, BBMP Bangalore, measuring 14157 Sq.ft together with structure measuring 800 Sq.ft with Asbestos Sheet roof, cement hollow block walls, cement flooring, steel windows & steel doors and bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Mr.Krishna Reddy in 11/B West by: Hormavu Main Road, North by: Service Road & there after Ring Road South by: Remaining portion of land on No.11/A belonging to Mr. T. Krishna Reddy	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance , Tax etc. if any, as applicable	Reserve Price. Rs. 13,25,00, 000/- EMD Rs. 1,32,50, 000/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail

Date : 21.08.2020
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

HDFC

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore - 560001. Ph : 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, E-mail : customercare.bang@hdfc.com, Website: www.hdfc.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. Ashad Ali Mohammed Basheer (Borrower) and Mrs. Aysha Rahiyan Ashad Ali (Co-Borrower)	**Rs.1,60,21,811/- in Loan** Account No.635328635 and **Rs.3,51,667/-** in Loan Account No.635811095 totally accruing to **Rs.1,63,73,478/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) **as on 31.08.2019**	09.10.2019	20.08.2020	**ITEM- 1:** All that piece and parcel of 3 bedroom residential apartment number bearing No. C-801 measuring 1830 sq.ft of super built up area on the 8th Floor of VENTO Block with two covered car parking areas in the basement floor bearing Khata No. 120/1/C-801, assigned as E Kahta No. 150200401700520076 having UDS (undivided share, right, and title) of 679.4 sq.ft. in the project known as 'TIVOLI' situated on, SY NO 118(P) & 119, 120/1 at Seegehalli Village, Biddarahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluq, Bangalore East Taluq, Bangalore. **ITEM- 2:** All that piece and parcel of 3 bedroom residential apartment number bearing No. C-802 measuring 1865 sq.ft of super built up area on the 9th Floor of VENTO Block with two covered car parking areas in the basement floor bearing Khata No. 120/1/C-802, assigned as E Kahta No. 150200401700520078 having UDS (undivided share, right, title) of 692.15 sq.ft. in the project known as 'TIVOLI' situated on, SY NO 118(P) & 119, 120/1 at Seegehalli Village, Biddarahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluq, Bangalore East Taluq, Bangalore.
2	Mr. Mohammed Rashid Tahreem (Borrower)	**Rs.1,33,42,577/- in Loan a/c No.636135184** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) **as on 31.08.2019**	09.10.2019	20.08.2020	All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No. A-1301 measuring 2885 sq.ft. along with 375 sq.ft. of Terrace Floor and UDS (undivided share, title, interest) of 1117.32 sq.ft. consisting of 4 bedrooms in Thirteenth and Fourteenth Floor of 'ACQUA' Block having E-Khata No. 150200401700520055 of building in the project known as in 'TOVOLI' with two covered car parking constructed at Seegehalli Village, Biddarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluq, Bangalore East Taluq, Bangalore.
3	Mr. Mohammed Wasim Murnad (Borrower)	**Rs.62,21,251/-** in Loan Account No.630295406 and **Rs.66,83,708/-** in Loan Account No.631475090 totally accruing to **Rs.1,29,04,959/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) **as on 30.09.2019**	23.10.2019	20.08.2020	**Item -1:** All that piece and parcel of two bedroom residential apartment number bearing No.D-603 measuring 1370 sq.ft of super built up area on the 6th floor of ARIA Block with Two covered car parking areas in the basement floor. Bearing Khatha No.120/1/D-603,having UDS (undivided share ,right, title)of 508.31 sq.ft in the project knows 'TIVOLI' situated on, SY NO 118(3 Acres) and 119(1 Acre 15 Guntas) totally measuring 4 acres 15 guntas, bearing Khatha No.120 of Seegehalli Grama panchayat , Situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk. **Item -2:** All that piece and parcel of two bedroom residential apartment number bearing No.B-1204 measuring 1525 sq.ft of super built up area on the 12th floor of FUORI Block with Two covered car parking areas in the basement floor. Bearing Khatha No.120/1/B-1204, having UDS (undivided share ,right, title)of 566.01 sq.ft in the project knows 'TIVOLI' situated on, SY NO 118(3 Acres) and 119(1 Acre 15 Guntas) totally measuring 4 acres 15 guntas, bearing Khatha No.120 of Seegehalli Grama panchayat , Situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.

However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Pnachanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 22.08.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Two of the policemen arrested in connection with the alleged custodial death of the Sathankulam father-son duo, moved the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court seeking bail.

RESCUING VICTIMS A TOUGH TASK

Emergency personnel use thermal imaging cameras, dragon lights, BA cylinders to find them

V NILESH @Hyderabad

THE rescue operations on Friday at the underground hydel power station in Srisailam did not yield fruitful results as the nine people who were trapped inside the building could not be brought out alive. However, the search for the victims and retrieval of the bodies was a tough task as the power station turned into an underground inferno, billowing thick, toxic smoke.

Personnel from the Fire Department, Fire Service Training Institute (FSTI) of the CISF and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) played an important role in the rescue operations. The FSTI personnel, stationed at the National Industrial Security Academy (NISA) in Hakimpet, were crucial to the operation as they entered the power station and searched for the trapped people amidst the thick smoke.

The CISF had dispatched a 39-member team led by Comdt Siddarth Raha by the orders of NISA Director CV Anand. Speaking to *TNIE*, CISF Inspector Jagadish Chandra elaborated on how the operation was taken up and the important role played by the breathing apparatus (BA) cylinder, dragon light and thermal imaging cameras.

The Inspector said, "The BA cylinder usually lasts for 45 minutes, but as the oxygen consumption was high due to the smoke and by walking as deep as four floors inside the structure, the oxygen lasted only for 20 - 22 minutes. We used 26 cylinders throughout the operation. Six team consisting of two people each went inside. They would go one by one, search for the trapped persons and come out before the oxygen ran out."

"The dragon light helped in seeing up to two feet even through the dense smoke, and the thermal imaging cameras helped in identifying people through body heat," he added.

A major fire broke out in the underground hydroelectric power station located in the Telangana side of Srisailam dam on Friday | EXPRESS

He said that the Fire Department personnel from Gadwal and other neighbouring districts played an important role in controlling the raging fire.

Gadwal district Fire Officer Sreedas said that fire engines were pressed into service after a call was received by the State Disaster Response & Fire Services at 11.40 pm on Thursday.

Several teams of firemen were sent from Kothakotta, Mahbabubnagar, Amarabad, Achampeta, and Atmakur in Kurnool district.

Won against Covid, defeated by fire

Sunder Naik won the battle against Covid-19 and triumphantly rejoined duty as assistant engineer with the Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Ltd at the Srisailam power station. Within a day of rejoining duty after isolation, Naik died in the massive fire that engulfed the power station late on Thursday night. ENS

Short-circuit may have caused fire

The preliminary assessment by the officials of TS Genco has found that a short circuit in one of the panels caused the fire at the Srisailam hydel power plant on Friday. Repair works would be taken up at the power plant shortly, after which power generation would be recommenced, sources said. ENS

Sacrificed their lives to save plant: Official

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"THE employees sacrificed their lives to save their beloved plant," a senior official said. "We have information that the employees, who were in the plant, tried hard to save the plant till the last moment," he added "The footwear that lay scattered all over bears testimony to how hard they tried to save themselves after a valiant effort to save the plant," the officer said.

Bodies were found in all the five floors of the plant. Officials say this suggests that the workers tried to save themselves by trying to reach the top floor, but were probably blinded and choked by the thick smoke.

The plant is located 1.2 kilometres beneath the ground and there is only one tunnel to reach it.Personnel from the National Disaster Response Force and the Central Industrial Safety Force were pressed into service early on Friday morning.

However, they found it difficult to go inside as smoke stood like a wall. Finally, after more than eight hours of efforts, they were able to retrieve the bodies.

AIRPORT ROW

What really matters to me is T'Puram's interest: Tharoor

WHEN the State Government has decided to approach the Kerala High Court against the Centre's decision to hand over the Thiruvananthapuram airport to Adani Enterprises on a five-decade lease, Shashi Tharoor, MP, is unfazed by the controversy over his stand, and says he feels that "the airport is a means to an end". However, he is peeved that the KPCC leadership had not consulted him before they expressed their displeasure at the privatisation move. In an email interview, Shashi Tharoor speaks with **Cynthia Chandran** on the two issues he has been currently embroiled in, including the Facebook summons row.

■ You have come under flak from the KPCC leadership over your stand in favour of privatisation of Trivandrum International Airport. Are you not on a sticky wicket by antagonising the KPCC leadership on the issue?

My stand on this has always been firm since 2018. The BJP announced the tender, not Congress, and the State Government chose to participate in the bidding, under rules they agreed to. After losing in the bid process, they started questioning the very game they had chosen to play. Second, whoever the winning private party is, the ownership of land, airport and ATC responsibilities, security, Customs and immigration still remain with the government agencies. No one is "giving away" the airport.

■ Though the LDF and UDF do not see eye to eye on various issues, they have joined hands to oppose the Centre's move to privatise the airport. Don't you think the LDF and BJP would take your stand as a political weapon against you in the imminent local body and Assembly elections?

I have been explaining since the 2019 election campaign that it is not the private operator which is an issue for me, but developing Thiruvananthapuram as a world-class airport that will attract more airlines and serve more passengers. When more companies move to Thiruvananthapuram, they generate jobs for our people, as well as bring in more employees who will rent your homes, make purchases in your shops, eat in your restaurants and hire your taxis. This is how a city grows and develops. The airport is a means to an end. The end is about what will make Thiruvananthapuram develop and flourish.

■ Do you think that you should have spoken to the KPCC leadership on the airport issue as this is not the first time you have ruffled their feathers?

Don't you think that as the local MP, I might have expected to be consulted before seeing the party's views in the media? I was not consulted before the KPCC expressed its views, and I had expressed my opinion a long time ago, which I merely repeated. I made it clear I am only expressing the Thiruvananthapuram MP's opinion on what is good for the city, not speaking for the party.

■ BJP MP Nishikant Dubey and union minister Rajyavardhan Rathore had demanded your removal as the chief of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT for allegedly flouting rules over Facebook summons row and you have been accused of going public with the issue instead of discussing it within the panel. What is your take on this?

Parliamentary rules prevent me, as chairman, from discussing such matters in the media. I only wish the press would make the basic effort to see what the rules say rather than uncritically reporting distorted accounts of my actions. The relevant agenda item was agreed by the entire committee unanimously at the start of the year, approved by the Speaker and bulletinised by Parliament. It is the same item under which my predecessor, Anurag Thakur of the BJP, summoned Twitter!

Law students slam all-male criminal reforms panel

ENS @Bengaluru

LAW students across the country have criticised the lack of diversity in the national committee to reform criminal law, and the committee's consultation process.

The Ministry of Home Affairs constituted the Committee for Reforms in Criminal Law on May 4 to recommend amendments to the Indian Penal Code 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act 1872, within six months after holding public consultations.

Over 400 law students from across the country have signed an open letter addressed to the all-male committee.

The letter criticised the lack of diversity in the committee's composition, and demanded that the consultation be put on hold until the pandemic subsides substantially, and unless there is adequate representation across geographies, professions, and from marginalised communities, who often face the brunt of the law.

"The lack of women members is especially appalling as historically, women have been excluded from consultation processes. This resulted in regressive notions being written into the law, which did not account for the lived realities of women... their present exclusion is a seriously retrogressive step," the students said.

Meanwhile, students were shocked that the committee was going ahead with the consultation in the midst of the pandemic. "As students, we do not have access to our university libraries due to the lockdown, and many other stakeholders will also find it difficult to contribute to the consultation," they said.

They also criticised the committee's method of obtaining views only through an English questionnaire.

History-sheeter shot dead by Chennai cops

SAHAYA NOVINSTON LOBO @ Chennai

A 49-year-old history-sheeter was shot dead by the Chennai police on Friday morning. Police said they opened fire when the accused attacked a constable with a machete.

The deceased, Shankar alias 'Market' Shankar, had three murder cases and several attempt-to-murder, extortion and robbery cases pending against him. As many as five non-bailable warrants had been issued on his name.

Earlier this month, Shankar had been booked for allegedly assaulting a supermarket owner in Anna Nagar, who is also said to be a political party functionary. Since then, Shankar was absconding, police said.

Joint Commissioner of Police (East), R Sudhakar, said, "On Thursday night, the Ayanavaram police nabbed one Dilip Kumar, who had four kg of ganja on him. His mother Rani, also a peddler, was picked up, and she led the police to Shankar."

The police arrested him from a hideout early on Friday. Shankar, sources said, confessed to his crime and promised to take them to the place where he had hidden ganja smuggled from Andhra Pradesh. On reaching an isolated area near the Ayanavaram RTO around 7 am, he picked up a hidden weapon and attacked the police.

"When he attacked constable Mubarak, Inspector of Police Natarajan shot Shankar on the stomach," Additional Commissioner of Police (South) R Dhinakaran said.

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ROC No. SSCL / 6094 / 2020 — **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS** — Date : 21.08.2020

I	1.	Implementation of Smart Roads to the Maravaneri Cross street No.1 to 7 in Division No.14 & Anai Road Cross Street in Division No.11 of in Salem City Municipal Corporation (Phase - VIII) **Estimate Cost Rs. 1060.00 Lakhs**
II		Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III		Date, time and Venue for Tender Procedures. **Submission of bids - 29.09.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.** **Opening of bids - 29.09.2020 at 3.30 P.M.**

DIPR/ 3149 /TENDER/2020 — **Commissioner, Salem Corporation**

Government of Karnataka

Zilla Panchayath, Ballari

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Harapanahalli.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/H.Halli/Empanelment/Tender/2020-21/360 Dated:21.08-2020

Short Term e-Tender Notification No.05/2020-21

(KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governer of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Harapanahalli hereby calls the tender for Empanelment of Agency to Provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC's) in Harapanahalli, Hoovinahadagali, Hagaribommanahalli and Kudligi Taluk in Ballari District. Services for implementation of Rural Drinking Water Supply Projects through eprocurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website. The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at **4.00pm** on **08-09-2020.** For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಸಿ/121/2020-21 **RDW & S Division, Harapanahalli.**

NORTH EASTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Ballari Division : Ballari.

No. NEKT/BLR/TR/COMM/571/2020-21 Date :21.08.2020.

e-Tender Notification No: 11/2020

(Through e-procurement)

Applications are invited through e-procurement from 21-8-2020 for selecting licensee to commercial stalls/open place at Ballari Central/Siruguppa/Tekkalakote Bus Stand coming under NEKRTC Ballari Division.

e-Tender Notification No: 12/2020

(Through e-procurement)

Parking stand locating at caller space in Ballari City Bus Terminal is divided in 4 separate stands. In 1st phase applications are invited only for Parking Stand No.1 (5512 sq ft) and Parking Stand No. 4 (5512 sq ft) for selection of licensee through e-procurement. For parking stand without Monthly License Fee e-quotation is called. Hence the bidder are instructed to bid their amount in the format of PER Sq ft BASIS ONLY and the corporation reserves the rights for selecting or rejecting the bid amount. As per the bid amount quoted in e-portal for per sq ft will be calculated to reserved sq ft (i.e. 5512 sq ft) and then it will be calculated for fix the monthly licensee fee for parking stand.

Interested bidder can download complete notification from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and after reading and understanding the terms and conditions bidders can submit online application within 12-9-2020 at 17:00 hrs. e-Tender will be opened on 15-9-2020. For more details contact Divisional Traffic Officer, Ballari (Mobile No. 77609 92152) or e-portal.

Sd/-
Divisional Controller,
DIPR/BALLARI/SSC/124/2020-21 **NEKRTC, Ballari Division, Ballari.**

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E-Procurement- Notification

Detailed item rate bids are invited through Gok e-procurement platform from eligible contractors registered in PWD and Town Panchayat Kankanawadi for the following works Indent sanctioned under, SFC special Grant Fund 2019-20
Bid Documents can be downloaded from Karnataka Government e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karanataka.gov.in) from the date: 21/08/2020 onwards. Closing date: 29/08/2020

Details of work indent put to Tender

General Works Indent Numbers	DMA/2019-20/RD/WORK_INDENT99044 CALL-2

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 69ರ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಂತೆ)

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EDITORIAL

"To bring in the mass of the people ... to infuse Indian politics with spirituality are the indispensable conditions for a great political awakening in India. ... Bal Gangadhar Tilak was the first to bring it into the actual field of practical politics

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— Ramnath Goenka

MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR URBAN POOR

Economic policy meets success when it lifts millions out of poverty. By that measure, India is now at the scariest point on the pendulum. In a brutal warning, the World Bank confirmed that the Indian subcontinent may reverse the gains made on poverty over the past two decades. Half of India's population remains vulnerable, with consumption precariously close to the poverty line, and could slip back into poverty any moment. Thanks to the pandemic-led economic slowdown, we may swing wildly from achievement to failure in a small fraction of time.

Until recently, India was not only a growth superstar, but also saw its poverty rate declining at the fastest pace ever—from 58% in FY12 to 37% in FY18. By one private estimate, just 84 million were poor as of 2017, down from 270 million in 2011. So what's going wrong? According to the World Bank, the adverse economic impact of the lockdowns was mainly on the informal sector that employs poorer households, which are at the risk of income and job losses. Globally too, the pandemic is sparing none, having driven about 100 million back into extreme poverty, up from 60 million estimated earlier. Worryingly, the number could rise to even alarming levels if the pandemic drags on.

The good news is that countries aren't entirely powerless, including India, which can avert the damage with necessary government interventions. While measures for migrants via the Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and others are commendable, much more needs to be done for the urban poor. That's because none of the six national social assistance programs are portable and offer benefits only to state residents. The government should reassess subsidies, borrow capital without fear, generate non-tax revenue to channel more funds towards projects that create jobs and spend meaningfully on healthcare and education. Crises and pandemics are rarely kind to any country and hence the government should walk that extra mile. As they say, poverty, like affluence, becomes its own sort of inheritance and must be avoided at all costs.

INCREASING COVID TESTING IN TELANGANA

Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan's remarks that not much testing of patients for Covid-19 is being done in the state should serve as a wake-up call for the administration and prod it to reset its priorities. Just a few days ago, the Telangana High Court had expressed satisfaction over the K Chandrashekar Rao government's proactive role in combating the pandemic, though it had hauled it up on several counts and issued stinging orders for corrective measures over the last few weeks. But Governor Soundararajan, who is a medical practitioner by training, had a different take. In her recent interaction with a few news channels, she expressed her anguish and displeasure over the manner in which the entire pandemic situation is being handled in Telangana, adding she was primarily concerned about the poor testing rate.

In fact, the state government had given an undertaking to the High Court that it will conduct nearly 40,000 tests each day and ramp up the processing capacity of laboratories. Yet, the average daily testing is yet to cross 23,000—a little over half the self-set target. Politics apart, the Governor, as the constitutional head of the state, has the right to seek information from the chief minister and his council of ministers. And under Article 167 of the Constitution, they are obliged to comply. There is no need for the government to get all worked up over her remarks, which seems to be the case now.

That the Governor had discussed testing with the chief minister and officials weeks before making the sharp comments indicates she is dissatisfied with the progress. Earlier, the High Court, the media and the opposition had pilloried the government on its poor testing record, comparing it with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, which is less equipped than Telangana but doing very well on mass testing. The Governor was right in pointing out that testing, tracking and treating of patients should get priority. As for the opposition, it is trying to exploit her caustic remarks by demanding the resignation of the chief minister and the imposition of President's rule. They ought to realise this is not the time for petty politics.

While Indian-Americans are delighted, many of them nevertheless see candidates through the lens of their attitude towards India

INDIA AND THE HISTORIC NOMINATION OF KAMALA HARRIS

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A feisty President Trump has shifted his campaign into attack mode as soon as Joe Biden, a former Vice-President and the Democratic Party Presidential nominee in the forthcoming November elections, picked California Senator Kamala Harris, 55, as his running mate. Undoubtedly a historic move, Harris's nomination breaks an important barrier as she is the first Black-American to be picked up as a Vice-Presidential candidate of a major party and the first Indian-American woman too.

The campaign is certainly going to be full of acrimony and name-calling. Within minutes of the news breaking, Trump launched his attack by calling her "nasty", "disrespectful", "meanest" and "most horrible". He has claimed that he has more Indian-American supporters that Harris. Trump has also raised the issue of the racially tinged "birtherism" against Harris, a campaign issue brought up against former President Obama that questions the place of birth and, thereby the eligibility of a candidate to stand for election as president or VP.

Senator Harris ran for the Democratic Presidential nomination, but dropped out last December. Recent polls among Democrat Party voters had indicated a clear preference for Senators Elizabeth Warren and Harris over other potential candidates. These polls also indicated a preference for a female non-white running mate, which may have clinched the nomination in favour of Harris. The profiles of the two women Senators were far more impressive than those of their competitors. Indian-Americans, almost four million strong and upwardly mobile, are delighted and social media has exploded in support for her nomination. Within the last few days, the Biden-Harris campaign chest has raked in millions of dollars, closing the gap between theirs and Trump's funding, which was ahead. The high-tech community in Silicon Valley in California is expected to back Harris and could be the source of the surge in funds for the campaign.

Historically, no Vice-Presidential nominee has influenced a Presidential election nor has increased voter turnout. At 77, Biden is the oldest Presidential candidate ever in American electoral history and may not seek re-election. He has therefore indicated that he will need a Vice-President who can govern from day one and can be President in future. Harris's nomination will send a strong message from the Democratic Party on its commitment to Black, Asian and women voters. If the Biden-Harris team wins the election, Harris will be on course to be the Democratic Presidential candidate in 2024.

Kamala Harris is the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, and grew up watching them as civil rights activists. Her mother Shyamala Gopalan came from Chennai to the US in 1959, when very few single Indian women made such a trip. She became a cancer researcher after obtaining a PhD and married Donald J Harris, currently a professor of economics (emeritus) at Stanford University. Kamala's upbringing was more as a member of the Black community than an Indian-American, though Kamala wrote in her autobiography *The Truths We Hold* that she was deeply influenced by her grandparents who lived in Chennai.

She has served four years as a Senator since 2016, worked six years as California's Attorney-General and twice as district attorney earlier. A graduate of Harvard University and University of California Hastings Law School, she has worked on removing systemic racial bias and instituted the first database in California to track racial bias in police killings.

> The Democrats have also been critical of the CAA and are seen to be leaning towards Muslim advocacy groups. But on Chinese aggression, the Biden-Harris team has come out in support of India

The media in India giving wide coverage to Harris's nomination highlights how politics in the US and India are developing linkages. Many Indian-Americans see candidates through the lens of their attitude towards India. Harris has identified herself with the Black-American community mostly and much less with the Indian-Americans. The Biden-Harris team are seen to be critical of Indian policies on Jammu and Kashmir, and prone to purvey views using the prism of human rights. The Democrats have also been critical of the CAA and are seen to be leaning towards Muslim advocacy groups. Pakistan's state-sponsored terrorism seems to attract less attention, in comparison.

President Trump has wooed the India-American community by publicly projecting a close personal bond with PM Modi. The Trump administration has moved the US-India relationship closer in strategic areas like military hardware sale and technology trade that were no-go areas earlier. The US's full-throated support to India against Chinese adventurism will also weigh in with Indian-American voters. This vote bloc is likely to be divided as before. Whether Democrats, who have traditionally garnered 60% of the Indian-American vote, will retain this share is the important question. The Biden-Harris team has already come out in support for India against China's aggression in Ladakh and for an open and transparent Indo-Pacific. On immigration, their position will be more liberal than that of Trump. They have come out strongly against "cross-border" terrorism in South Asia, a clear reference to Pakistan's state-sponsored terrorism against India.

With three months left for campaigning, Senator Harris has already set the trend by attacking President Trump, leaving Senator Biden to concentrate on being "Presidential" and focus on policy issues. Trump can be expected to infuse his attacks on Biden-Harris with racial overtones and anti-left-liberal rhetoric. Harris is expected to lead the attack on Trump's handling of the Covid pandemic. Criticising Trump, she said, "This is what happens when we elect a guy who isn't up for the job," and "Our country ends up in tatters and so does our reputation around the world".

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VATAPI GANAPATI, AN ART HISTORICAL REVISIT

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Vatapi Ganapatim Bhaje is a Sanskrit *kriti* composed by the legendary poet-composer and singer Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar. It is sung in almost all music concerts in South India. The *kriti's* opening line refers to the Ganapati of Vatapi and the entire composition praises him. Vatapi was the capital of the Chalukyas and is the modern-day Badami in Karnataka's Bagalkot district.

The composition has a historical and political association with the Badami Chalukyas. It is believed that after the war between Pulakeshin II's Chalukyas and Narasimhavarman's Pallavas in 642 CE, the image of Ganesha from Badami was taken as war booty by Paranjothi, the commander of the Pallava army. There is an image of Vatapi Ganapati worshipped in a Siva shrine at Tiruchenkattankudi, believed to be Paranjothi's village, in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvarur district. While inscriptions of both the dynasties are silent about it, local beliefs and oral traditions have been preserved till date to narrate the story of the image from Vatapi.

Ganesha-Ganapati has been a very important deity in the Indian belief system. Ancient epics and *Puranas* have detailed descriptions of the remover of obstacles. The *Rig Veda* has a hymn (Rik, 2:23:1) dedicated to Ganapati. The *Shukla Yajurveda*, *Taittiriya Samhita*, *Maitryaniya Samhita*, *Maitreyaniya Aranyaka* and *Amara Kosha* describe his various aspects. The *Vishnudharmottara Purana* (Ch.78, Hymn, 1-18) gives an illustrated description: He should have an elephant face, short figure with a hefty body and a large tummy. He should also have four arms with attributes like the *pasha* (noose), *ankusha* (mahout's stick to control an elephant) and *modaka patra* (bowl for sweetmeat), and should be in a seated posture. The epics *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, and the *Puranas—Ganesha*, *Mudgala*, *Brahma* and *Brahmanda*—of later days also have elaborate narratives about him. In architecture and sculptures, in Siva Panchayatana, Ganesha was established as an independent deity of the Ganapatya cult.

Ancient Indian artists had a great fascination for the image of Ganesha and impressively depicted his varied forms from a very early period. The earliest image of Ganesha in Karnataka is in Gokarna on the west coast. The *Gokarna Mahatme* speaks about the Atma Linga and the related story of Ganesha and Ravana. The Ganesha temple is situated next to the Gokarneshwara/Mahabaleshwara temple. The Gokarana Ganesha has interesting features. He is in a standing posture with only two arms. The pot-bellied, hefty looking image has beautifully carved physical details. Ganesha holds a *modaka patra* in his left hand and a radish in the right. He has *ghanta yajnopavita* and a semi-circular *kati vastra* that has side knots and is tasselled on both sides. The Gokarna image has been considered as one of the earliest Ganesha sculptures based on the archaic features dating to the Banavasi Kadamba dynasty period, early 4th century CE. The Badami Chalukyas inherited the artistic and religious nuances of the Kadambas and continued to patronise mega projects like rock-cut temples and structural temples in and around Badami.

Ganesha has been depicted a good number of times during the Badami Chalukya period. While the Chalukya artists continued to represent the images of Ganesha with two arms, they also depicted him with four arms. Cave No. 1 in Badami (circa 560 CE) has an image of a seated Ganesha in a side shrine on the western extended wall, which is next to the unique Nataraja sculpture. The image is seated in a relaxed posture with an artistically carved elephant face. The sculpture has large ears and a fully blown lotus crown on the head. He holds the *modaka patra* in his left hand. In the right hand he is holding either a radish or broken teeth. A necklace, beaded *yajnopavita*, armlets and thick waist band decorate his person. The lotus crown on the head is symbolically associated with perpetual knowledge—*Samyak Jnana*—as Ganesha is venerated as the deity with ultimate intellect and knowledge.

Badami has a temple known as Lower Sivalaya on the northern hill. It was dedicated to the Ganapatya cult. The temple has lost the outer structure; only the *garbhagriha* and *vimana* are intact. The *peetha* in the *garbhagriha* has an oval shape that confirms its identity as a Ganapatya temple. Presently the *peetha* is empty. The image of the Vatapi Ganapati in Tamil Nadu doesn't fit in the *peetha* as the former is smaller in size. Moreover, there is a stark difference in the features of the Chalukya Ganapatis and those in TN. The idol in the Tiruvarur temple appears to be a 9th century image with early Chola features and is similar to the Ganeshas in Talakadu and Bengaluru's Begur. Further, in warfare in the Pallava-Chalukya times, there was no practice of taking images of Gods as war booty. So the legend of the Vatapi Ganapati is possibly restricted to the myths and the *kriti*. Historical and artistic evidence and stylistic features attest to this.

(L) One of the earliest images of Ganapati (early 4th century CE, Banavasi Kadamba period), in a temple in Karnataka's Gokarna; (R) The around 1,460-year-old Ganesha sculpture in Cave No. 1 in the Chalukyan capital Vatapi (now Badami)

An image of Ganesha whose size is similar to the one that should have been in the Badami Lower Sivalaya temple, and partly fractured, is placed at the entrance of the Mahakuteshwara temple in Mahakuta. The Badami Chalukya temples at Aihole and Pattadakal have dedicated sumptuous space for the delineation of Ganapati. There are a variety of Ganesha images found in the Chalukya period. After the Chalukyas, their successors, the Rashtrakutas, dedicated a large niche in Ellora Cave 16 for him. In the Kalyan Chalukya period and even later, the image of Ganesha became important in temples. Large monolithic images of Ganesha at Sudi, Hampi, Kurudumale and even in Bengaluru's Basavanagudi (Bull Temple Road) attest to the magnificent development of the Ganesha imagery.

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Swachh Andhra

During Covid times, it is extremely heartening to read that three cities of Andhra Pradesh have ranked in the top 10 cleanest cities in the annual Swachh Sarvekshan survey. Further, AP has topped the list among southern states.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Odisha has done well

Odisha securing the 10th rank in the Swachh Sarvekshan survey is a ray of hope in these trying times. The state has registered remarkable improvement in its rankings over the years by undertaking several sanitation projects.

Manseet Swaroop, Bhubaneswar

Tharoor's stand welcome

This is with reference to *An airport caught in Kerala-brand political slugfest* (Aug 21). Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's support to the Centre's decision to hand over the Thiruvananthapuram airport on lease to the Adani Group, despite his party's opposition to it, is welcome.

P K Sreevalsan, Kannur

Will it make profits?

Barring a few public sector firms, most have always made losses. While the Kerala CM says the airport should be under the government, he has not said whether it will be a profit-making venture.

R Krishnamachary, Chennai

Ramayana and cohesion

The article *The unifying role of the Ramayana* (Aug 20) gives us a bird's-eye view on the indelible unity due to the *Ramayana*. The cohesion that the Indian psyche has gained from the epic is indeed deep-rooted.

S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Marketing plan important

This is with reference to *The need for a good sales strategy* (Aug 21). Revenue depends upon a good marketing plan. The most successful start-ups are those that understand demand and their competition well.

V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

PM's fine gesture

The letter from the PM to M S Dhoni and Suresh Raina appreciating their contribution to cricket was a fine gesture. His knowledge about their personal details is amazing. Interestingly, he observed Raina was too energetic to retire, though it didn't occur to selectors.

A P Thiruvadi, Chennai

Shed obstinate stance

The editorial *TN BJP should pick a different battle* (Aug 21) has rightly pointed out that the state BJP should shed its obstinate stance over Vinayaga Chathurthi celebrations.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Good sense should prevail

One hopes good sense prevails when it comes to the celebrations. A state unit of the ruling national party should be more careful and not put people at risk during the pandemic.

G Purushothaman, Tirunelveli

Two capitals will help TN

The recent idea put forward by ministers in Tamil Nadu to have Madurai or Tiruchy as the second capital of the state is good. It will not only reduce congestion in Chennai, but also help improve commercial tax collection in the southern parts of TN.

Iniyavan Abdullah S A, Madurai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
RTIs expose how PMO bent rules & is blocking information to ensure PM-CARES Fund is NOT accountable to public.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
There is a problem of urea in UP. Black marketing is in full swing. Scam has also happened in many districts. Farmers are upset.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
This hurry to conduct exams (JEE & NEET) amidst spiking Covid cases will prove to be costly! In Bihar floods+Govt apathy will compound problems!

'Indians matter more in US poll funding'

WHETHER it's funds, donations or political activities, clout of Indian-Americans is going to play out significantly in the upcoming US Presidential elections. Views of Indian-Americans, with 1.2 million voters, are not going to change the elections in the US. But, they matter much more in terms of funds, donations and the activity, said ***former MP and BJP national vice president Baijayant 'Jay' Panda****, while* ***senior Congress leader and former Union minister Salman Khurshid*** *said vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris could play a key role in wooing Indian-origin voters. They were in a conversation with* ***Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express,*** *and* ***author and senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai*** *in TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

The US-India relations are going to be very significant in the years to come. Therefore, who leads the US and his perception of India and the world is going to be important for us

Salman Khurshid, senior Congress leader

Modi has worked with both Obama and Trump. Whether it is President Donald Trump or Joe Biden, they primarily look out for America's interest, which is very natural

Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, BJP leader

The BJP leader cautioned about the opinion polls, saying such polls are not always right when he was asked about his choice between Donald Trump and Joe Biden. "I would not get swayed by what the opinion polls are showing in America. They have shown some up-and-down swing in the last few months. I would wait and watch. Sharing his views on Biden, Khurshid said: "I must say Biden gave an impression that he was kind of a full-time American politician. Since giving up his vice presidentship, I think, he has come into his own and run-up to the polls has brought out his best."

Agreeing with Khurshid, Panda said: "I met him (Biden) a couple of times. He is a classical old fashioned-politician. He has been around for many terms in the Senate. He is very candid."

Speaking on India's significance in the polls, Panda said it is important to any national candidate in the US.

"The way geopolitics is playing out, over the last two decades, India is clearly on the way to become the third-largest economy in the world, and the way China has stepped on many toes, including America's and many other nations in its neighbourhood, I think there is a great sense of warmth and fondness for India across the American political spectrum."

When asked how does he see American votes playing out, Khurshid mentioned the presence of Harris. "What one sense is an excitement about a person who is a woman, who is charismatic, who has a very strong Indian connect... I am quite sure that there is going to be a huge pull of the Indian votes towards her. I believe that is inevitable. And, it would be disappointing if she can't do that."

Putting it differently, Panda said: "Let's recognise something. Whether it is President Trump or Vice-President Biden, they primarily look out for America's interest, which is natural. Now, we should not expect just because one of the vice-presidential candidates is half Indian, somehow Indian priorities will be more than American priorities — that will not happen."

On the issue of China in context with the US polls, Khurshid said: "We will deal that on our terms. We will not deal with China in terms of what American wants us to do."

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EC: Covid-19 patients can vote in last hour of polling

Preparing to hold polls amid pandemic, EC issues broad guidelines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WITH Bihar preparing to go to assembly polls amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Election Commission on Friday came out with broad guidelines, according to which Covid-19 patients who are quarantined will be allowed to cast their vote in the last hour of polling under the supervision of health authorities.

It has to be ensured that all Covid-19 related guidelines are strictly adhered to by all — poll officials, political parties and candidates, voters, security personnel, health workers and others — during each and every election related activity, the EC guidelines said.

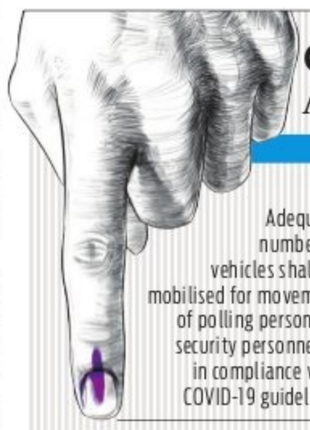
A maximum of 1,000 voters can be present at any polling booth at a time, and every voter's body temperature will be checked before the person is allowed to enter the booth. Gloves will be provided to each official handling EVMs/VVPATs and all the electors for signing on the voter register and pressing the EVM button. At polling stations, face masks in reserves will be kept for those electors who are not already wearing one and when required, the voters will have to lower the mask for identification.

The poll panel has also revised the norms for number of persons accompanying the candidate and number of vehicles allowed at the time of nomination. Only five persons will be allowed during door-to-door campaigns. Public meetings and road shows can be organised but with containment restrictions fixed by the Centre.

Candidates can file nominations and deposit security money online, the EC said in the 12-page document. The Commission has said a detailed guideline will be prepared at the local level.

Other standard safety measures like wearing masks, using sanitisers, installing thermal scanners and kits will continue during the election process. Non-compliance of instructions on measures will be invite actions under Disaster Management Act, 2005, and IPC. Elections are due in October-November in Bihar, which has reported 1.15 lakh Covid cases and over 570 deaths so far.

Bihar BJP chief Sanjay Jaishwal in Patna. Polls will be held in Bihar this year | PTI



CONDUCTING POLL AMID PANDEMIC

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL

- Adequate number of vehicles shall be mobilised for movement of polling personnel, security personnel to in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines
- Every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity
- Must at the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes: Thermal scanning of all persons; sanitizer, soap and water
- Large halls should be identified and utilized to ensure social distancing norms

COVID-19 RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

NODAL HEALTH OFFICER SHALL BE DESIGNATED FOR THE STATE, THE DISTRICT AND THE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY TO OVERSEE COVID-19 RELATED ARRANGEMENTS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES

EVMS/VVPATS

- First & second randomisation and preparation of EVMs/VVPATs shall be done in large halls
- **Sanitizers shall be provided in sufficient quantity for use**
- Gloves shall be made available to each official handling EVM/VVPAT

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nomination form can be filled online on the website of CEO/DEO. The candidate can then take the print and submit before the Returning Officer (RO). Affidavit may also be submitted the same way
- Candidate may deposit security money through online mode at the designated platform
- Number of persons to accompany candidate and no. of vehicles to be used for submission of nomination restricted to two

POLLING STATION ARRANGEMENTS

- Mandatory sanitisation, preferably, a day before polling
- Thermal checking of voters; if temperature is above the set norms of MoHFW at first reading, then it will be checked twice and if it remains, then the elector shall be provided with token/certificate and will be asked to come for voting at the last hour of poll
- Marker to demonstrate social distancing for queue
- Three queues each, for male, female, and PwD/ senior citizen voters
- Sanitiser, soap and water at the entry/exit point of every polling station

CAMPAIGN BY POLITICAL PARTIES/CANDIDATES

Door-to-door campaign: Subject to other Covid-19 restrictions, a group of 5 persons, including candidates, allowed

Road shows: Convoy of vehicles should be broken after every 5 vehicles instead of 10 (excluding security vehicles, if any). The interval between two sets of convoy should be half an hour

Election meetings: Public gatherings/ rallies may be conducted subject to adherence to extant COVID-19 guidelines.

- DEO should identify dedicated grounds with clearly marked entry/exit points; put markers to ensure social distancing norms
- DEO and Deputy SP should ensure that the number of attendees does not exceed the limit prescribed by State Disaster Management Authority for public gatherings

An employee shows a new vaccine in Moscow, Russia | AP FILE

Covid vaccine: Russia in touch with Indian firms

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE Russian government, days after announcing that it was going to start mass vaccination of the world's first Covid-19 vaccine, is in talks with four Indian vaccine makers for its mass production, which may start as early as October.

Though the Indian government has, so far, been silent on any collaboration with Russia on the vaccine, top authorities in Russia at a press briefing on Thursday announced the proposed tie-ups, which was confirmed by Indian officials.

On August 11, the vaccine named 'Sputnik V', endorsed by Russian President Vladimir Putin, has been approved by Russia even as scientists worldwide have expressed scepticism on its safety and efficacy as it has not completed human trials yet, and no data from its early stage trials have been released, so far.

The vaccine has been developed by Gamaleya Research Institute and the Russian defence ministry and has been created using inanimate particles developed based on adenovirus, a class of virus that causes the common cold in primates including humans. It is set to enter phase 3 trial next week involving 40,000 volunteers, it was also announced on Thursday.

Kirill Dmitriev, the CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund, a government body, which is financing the production of Sputnik V, said at the press briefing that "currently, we are working with 4 partners in India, we believe that they are capable of production of the Gamaleya Institute vaccine."

Russia said while it could produce 500 million doses of the vaccine, it's looking to churn out 1 billion doses manufactured as many other countries have also shown interest in getting it.

RFID, on its website, has also said it sees "strong global interest in the vaccine and plans to conduct Phase 3 clinical trials in different countries, including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Brazil, India and Philippines, and start mass production in other countries in partnership with local sovereign wealth funds, including India, South Korea and Brazil, as well as, in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Cuba."

Government officials in India confirmed that Russia has been in talks with the Ministry of External Affairs and some vaccine manufacturers, including Bharat Biotech, for mass production of the vaccine in the country.

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Kirill Dmitriev, CEO, Russian Direct Investment Fund

EXPRESS READ

SC rejects plea seeking enquiry against ex-CJI

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea seeking an inquiry against former CJI Ranjan Gogoi for allegedly abusing his authority as the top court judge. Rejecting the plea filed in 2018, the court said the plea was infructuous as Justice Gogoi has retired. He retired as the Chief Justice of India in November 2019.

Sushant's forensic reports sent to AIIMS

New Delhi: The CBI has sent the forensic reports of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, for analysing the injury patterns on his body. According to sources, the CBI had requested the AIIMS director to look into the reports of the actor for further investigation.

Pranab haemodynamically stable, on ventilator support: Hospital

NEW DELHI: There was no change in the condition of former president Pranab Mukherjee and he remains haemodynamically stable and on ventilator support, the hospital said on Friday.

Doctors attending to him said his vital parameters are being maintained.

According to the doctors, a patient is haemodynamically stable when the blood circulation parameters - blood pressure, heart and pulse rate, are stable and normal.

Mukherjee was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi Cantonment on August 10 and was operated for removal of a clot in the brain. He had also tested positive for Covid-19. .

"The medical condition of Shri Pranab Mukherjee remains the same. He is being treated for lung infection and continues to be on ventilator support. His vital parameters are being maintained and he is haemodynamically stable," the hospital said. *ENS*

NHRC gets health report of jailed Varavara Rao, refers to its expert panel for examination

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THE National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Friday referred to its expert panel the medical report of jailed poet-activist **Varavara Rao**. The report was submitted to the human rights panel by the Maharashtra government after Rao, 81, was hospitalised after being found Covid-19 positive.

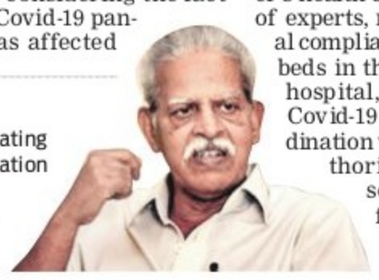
The government informed the NHRC that it had shifted Rao to Nanavati Super Speciality Hospital in Mumbai on July 19. It submitted there was no intentional delay in shifting the poet-activist to the hospital keeping in view the requirement of arrangements including security.

The Maharashtra government also said constant vigil was kept on the prisoner's health condition by doctors, the NHRC said in a statement. The NHRC added that it has found the report submitted by the Maharashtra government as "reasonable and plausible" and accepted it considering the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the state in large scale. The NHRC has asked its medical team to submit its report within two weeks. Rao, who was lodged in Taloja jail in Maharashtra in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon case for the past two years, is presently admitted in Nanavati Super Hospital in Mumbai.

"The case being complex one required proper coordination of multiple agencies, which includes, assessment of prisoner's health condition by a team of experts, required procedural compliance, availability of beds in the super-speciality hospital, which is treating Covid-19 cases, proper coordination with the private authorities and adequate security measures for shifting the prisoner," NHRC said.

'Violation of human rights'

On July 13, the NHRC observed that the deteriorating health condition of Rao is a serious issue of violation of human rights after taking cognizance of the complaints about Rao's health. The rights body had directed the state government to analyse his health condition.



'Opt for less water-intensive crops in sugarcane areas'

NEW DELHI: A NITI Aayog report has recommended shifting of some areas under sugarcane cultivation to less water-intensive crops by providing a suitable incentive to farmers. The task force, headed by the NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, has recommended shifting sugarcane farmers to other crops on at least three lakh hectares by paying a remuneration of ₹6,000 per hectare for alternative cultivation patterns.

The new scheme should be piloted for a three years implementation time, the task force recommended. The task force, which also consists of secretaries of a number of ministries, has recommended that only 85 per cent of the sale slip (purchase of sugarcane) to ensure that the farmers opt for alternative crops on at least 15 per cent of the land.

"The task force recommends a long-term solution that requires a fund of a reasonable size to provide liquidity support to the mills. It is proposed to levy cess on sugar at ₹50 per quintal for a period of three years, during which about ₹4,500 crore would be added to the fund," the report added.

Noting that there is a stark difference in water consumption for growing sugarcane between UP and Maharashtra and South India, the task force recommended that all efforts should be made for the adoption of drip irrigation in place of flood irrigation in Maharashtra and southern states, saying the measure will save almost 40-50 per cent water. *ENS*

Pulwama: NIA likely to file charge sheet next week

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THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) is likely to charge sheet Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief **Mashood Azhar** and the group's Rauf Asghar as the masterminds of the 2019 Pulwama terror attack which claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel.

The charge sheet, likely to be filed next week, will provide details of how the conspirators planned and procured explosives for the February 14 attack, sources in the investigating agency said. The source said about 20 kg RDX was used in the attack and it was brought from Pakistan. They said ammonium nitrate and nitro-glycerin used in the attack were locally procured. Terrorists from Pakistan infiltrated into India via Samba sector.

An accused in the case, Iqbal Rather, reportedly confessed that he escorted 22 terrorists from the border to the Valley on a moonless night. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has collected electronic evidence of the infiltration. Rather, according to the NIA, belongs to the transportation module of Jaish-e-Mohammed.

The phone of an accused Umer Farooq had many videos which helped the NIA in its probe. One of the videos reportedly shows Farooq cutting the fence.

Pakistani national Farooq entered India in April 2018 and was allegedly the main assembler of the IED, used in the attack. He was killed in an encounter on March 29, 2020 along with IED expert Kamran.

Facebook an open, transparent, non-partisan platform, says India head amid political row

NEW DELHI: Facebook on Friday said it was an "open, transparent and non-partisan social media platform", amid allegations that the company did not apply hate speech rules for posts by certain ruling party politicians.

Recently, a *Wall Street Journal* report alleged that Facebook's content policies favoured the ruling party in India. Since then, the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress have been trading barbs over social media giant's alleged bias. A parliamentary standing committee headed by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor will meet Facebook representatives on September 2.

A blog post by Facebook India vice-president and MD Ajit Mohan said it is a platform where people can express themselves freely. He added: "We have removed and will continue to remove content posted by public figures in India when it violates our community standards."

He also said when it came to enforcement of policies around hate speech, there was no place for hate speech. The impartial approach to content is independent of anyone's political position, party affiliation or religious and cultural belief.

Company's senior India policy executive Ankhi Das allegedly intervened in a review process of the communal posts of BJP's Telangana MLA T Raja Singh, the article said. *ENS*

YOUNG SURVIVOR

In Bengal, a 63-day-old infant from East Midnapore became the youngest Covid survivor after he was declared free of the infection following a 23-day treatment at a private healthcare unit in Kolkata

1.7K PILGRIMS HAVE VISITED VAISHNO DEVI

Ahmedabad	32	25	Mumbai	27	24
Bhopal	29	21	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	31	24	Patna	30	26
Amritsar	34	25	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	30	26	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	29	18	Chandigarh	33	26

Social distancing norms go for a toss as people step out for Ganesh Chaturthi shopping in Mumbai on Friday | PTI

I-T raids: MP ex-babus, cops under lens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE ongoing searches by the Income Tax department at premises of two high-profile builders-realtors groups have revealed a strong possibility of retired bureaucrats and police officers being associated with *benami* properties in the projects of the two groups.

The I-T raids at 20 premises of the two groups, which started on Thursday early morning, entered the second day on Friday. While the searches at five-six premises have ended, the I-T department raids are still underway on remaining premises.

The searches have also led to documents of properties which are owned on paper by low-income people.

The owner of one of the two raided groups is a close relative of an IPS officer posted as a police head of a district, sources said.

The ongoing searches so far have led to details of 100-plus immovable properties related to the two groups which are spread in 200-250 acres of land. The properties and the land could be worth over ₹100 crore.

The opposition Congress, meanwhile, has gone on the offensive against the BJP. It demanded the ruling party to come clear on the links between Cabinet minister Arvind Singh Bhadoriya and the head of one of the two business groups.

Congress spokespersons Bhupendra Gupta and Narendra Saluja sought explanations from the BJP about the association between Bhadoriya and the Bhopal-based business group head.

In a related development, Hemant Katare, the ex-Congress MLA from Ater, released pictures of Bhadoriya boarding high-end vehicles, which were actually registered in the name of the same businessman. Incidentally, Katare had defeated Bhadoriya in the 2017 bypoll from Ater Assembly seat but lost to the latter an year later from the same seat in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Bhadoriya: Backroom worker for BJP

Bhadoriya had played a key role in toppling of the erstwhile Kamal Nath-led Congress government in March. The Ater MLA had reportedly shepherded rebel Congress MLAs to Bengaluru in a flight

Jain temples can open, not Ganesh pandals: SC

CJI says Gods will forgive as in the case of the rath yatra in Puri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday allowed three Jain temples in Mumbai to remain open for two days with strict adherence to the SOPs related to Covid-19, making an exception as the government has not allowed opening of places of worship.

However, the top court made it clear that the relaxation will not be applicable to other temples or religious festivals, including the 10-day Ganesh Utsav beginning Saturday. The permission for Ganpati festival will have to be taken on a case-to-case basis from the Maharashtra Disaster Management Authority, it said. "Upcoming Ganpati festival in Maharashtra is altogether different and it will become uncontrollable...," said the three-judge bench led by CJI S A Bobde.

The bench, however, observed that it was 'strange' that the Maharashtra government had allowed reopening of economic activities but not places of worship. "We find this very strange that every activity they are allowing (during Unlock) involves economic interest. They are willing to take the so-called risk where money is involved, but if it involves religion, they talk about Covid and risks," CJI Bobde said.

The court was hearing a Jain temple trust's petition to keep its three temples open for the Paryushan festival on August 22 and 23. The trust had moved SC against the Bombay High Court's order refusing permission to allow offering of prayers during the period. Granting the prayer, the court said, "Our order will not apply to other temples where large congregation takes place... Ganesh Chaturthi and others festivals will be dealt by the state on case-to-case basis."

Counsel for the state government, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, argued that a court order allowing Paryushan prayers on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi will be discriminatory and also open the floodgates for others to seek similar relief. CJI Bobde, however, reminded Singhvi of the criticism the court had faced when it allowed the Rath Yatra in Puri. "Lord Jagannath forgave us, your Gods will forgive you too," the judgg said.

> **This order (on Jain festival) is not intended to be used as a precedent by other persons to seek permission to hold any festivals/festivities which would involve, by their very nature, congregation of people, such as 'Ganesh Festival'** — Supreme Court

PAK RETURNEE GEETA FROM TELANGANA OR C'GARH?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

REMEMBER the 28-year-old hearing impaired **Geeta** who returned from Pakistan in 2015? She was not able to trace her roots in the country. Geeta is staying in Indore with organisations looking after the differently abled. But the police continue to trace her roots; the update is she is either from south Chhattisgarh or adjoining Telangana.

"Recently, the administrators of an organization with whom she is currently staying in Indore approached us saying Geeta was under depression and desperately wanted to be reunited with her parents," Indore DIG Hari Narayan Chari Mishra told *TNIE*.

The Indore police engaged sign language experts for Geeta's psychological counseling. "During a session, Geeta showed inclination towards lifestyle, food and music of south Chhattisgarh districts and adjoining north Telangana districts. She reacted strongly to the music, food and culture of these areas, besides reacting strongly and taking deep interest in watching Telugu movies."

How she got name

Geeta was spotted by Pakistan Rangers in Lahore and was handed over to activist Edhi Bilquis Edhi, who runs a foundation. It was during her stay with Edhi that she got her name Geeta.

The Indore Police strongly believe that her recent counseling by sign language experts and psychologists has indicated that Geeta could be originally from the Bastar-Sukma region of Chhattisgarh or the adjoining Bhadrachalam and other districts of north Telangana.

"We'll start working with our counterparts in both the regions on the possibility of Geeta's family being somewhere in that region," Mishra said.

Geeta was brought back to India in October 2015 following efforts by then Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj. She was hardly 10 when she had inadvertently crossed the border into Pakistan aboard the Samjhauta Express in 2003.

Since her return to India in 2015, many families across the states have staked their claim for being Geeta's parents. But the DNA samples of none of these claimants have not matched with Geeta's.

FRICTION

Nagaland govt fumes over Ravi's 'negative' I-Day speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE ties between Nagaland Governor RN Ravi and the Neiphiu Rio government worsened as the latter is unhappy over "negative statements" made by Ravi in his Independence Day speech.

"The People's Democratic Alliance has taken note of the people's concern on the contents of the honourable Governor's Independence Day speech wherein negative statements on Nagaland were made. The PDA observes that the speech has not been well received by the people," an official statement reads. "Though Nagaland may not be the best performing state, we are making every effort to take the state forward on all developmental fronts. As representatives of the people, the PDA is compelled to voice the feelings of the people."

In his I-Day speech, Ravi had lamented that Nagaland has the dubious distinction of the worst-performing state in the country despite being blessed with abundant human and natural resources.

The relationship between the Governor and the PDA government strained after the Ravi's stinging letter to Rio on the alleged worsening law and order situation.

In the June 16 letter, Ravi had said that the Neiphiu Rio remained a mute spectator as "armed gangs" ran riot in Nagaland, carrying out extortion and committing violence. "The law and order in the state has collapsed," Ravi claimed in his no-holds-barred attack on the government.

EXPRESS READ

Dharavi model: Filipinos seek lesson from BMC

Mumbai: After the World Health Origination (WHO) appreciated the Dharavi model of containing the spread of coronavirus virus, officials from the Philippines has approached the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation for details to implement the plan in their country. According to the BMC, both Dharavi and the Philippines are highly populated with a large presence of slums. BMC chief Iqbal Singh Chahal said the BMC is ready to help anyone in the fight against the pandemic.

Militants release video of attack, cops downplay it

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FOR the first time perhaps, militants have released a video footage of the August 17 attack on security forces party in north Kashmir in which three CRPF jawans and a policeman were killed, a move which the police termed as a futile attempt to "glamourise" militancy.

Security personnel had eliminated four militant commanders, including the two involved in the attack, within 72 hours, the J&K Police added

The video was released by the newly floated militant outfit People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAAF), which the police suspect is a front for Lashkar-e-Toiba. Purportedly shot using body worn camera, the five minute video shows three militants waiting in an apple orchard to carry out the attack on the security personnel.

The three attackers are also introduced in the clip that is viral on social media.

Subsequently, the J&K Police asserted that it was an attempt by militants to "glamourise militancy". "By releasing video of attack, #terrorists want to glamourise #terrorism. But they can't. We replied by actions & killed 04 top cmdrs, Sajjad @ Haider & FT Taimur Khan @ Abu Usman (seen in said video/attack) & Naseer @ Sad bhai & FT Ali bhai @ Danish within 72 hours (sic)," it tweeted.

A day before, J&K Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh said that the killing of 26 wanted commanders in the past seven months and four top commanders of Lashkar in the past few weeks "has led to the collapse of the militancy structure" in the Valley.

Bengal Guv trashes probe into Covid purchases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Governor **Jagdeep Dhankhar** termed the Mamata Banerjee government's probe into the alleged irregularities in procuring equipment to combat Covid-19 by a three-member committee as a "cover-up probe lacking credibility".

Dhankhar took to Twitter on Friday to allege scam in pandemic purchases. He said the state government investigation lacks credibility as "decision makers are shielding culpability". "Post facto saviour mechanism! An independent probe alone can fix culpability. The probe must track the money trail and the ill-gotten gains."

Asking the Chief Minister to lift the "iron curtain", Dhankhar called for a white paper to indicate total purchases and sourcing. "Corruption breeds with lack oftransparency."

The government formed a three-member panel led by the home secretary following complaints of irregularities in purchasing equipment and gadgets required to treat Covid patients. The panel will go through the records of the past five months and submit a report to the chief secretary.

"Because of the emergency situation, we had to relax the purchase procedure. There were complaints of irregularities. The CM wants a stern action," said a government official.

According to data available with the finance department, the government has allotted more than ₹2,500 crore to combat the pandemic. "The government has already supplied more than 21 lakh PPE, 15.66 lakh N-95 or FFP-2 masks, 70 lakh other types of masks, 40 lakh gloves and 2.5 lakh litre sanitiser to hospitals across the state," said an official.

The government procured equipment through the medical service corporation and Tantuja, a unit under the State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society. In some cases, the health department also procured some items.

STUDY FINDINGS

Himalayan glaciers have receded 'significantly' in 37 yrs

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

A recent study on Himalayan glaciers has revealed that the glaciers have significantly receded in their areal extent in the past 37 years (1980-2017).

Dr Manish Mehta, a scientist who was a part of the study led by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, said researchers used satellite imagery and relied on extensive field surveys. "The results will help us understand the behaviour of glaciers," said Mehta.

The total loss of area of the glaciated region in the catchment is 26 square km or 10% of the total area as Equilibrium Line Altitude (ELA) shifted between 36 and 96 m. The ELA is the average elevation of the zone where accumulation equals ablation (removal of snow for various reasons) over a one-year period.

According to the study, published in a reputed international journal, the data analysis showed the recession rate of the glaciers has increased after the 1990s.

However, the sensitivity of the glaciers in the upper Rishi Ganga catchment has suggested that the glaciers might have responded likely due to decreased precipitation rather than rise in temperature. The Rishi Ganga is a river flowing through the Nanda Devi National Park.

Other institutions involved in the study include Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand Space Application Center, Dehradun and IIT-Kanpur.

Concluding the correlation between glacial behaviour with climatic changes, the study stated the dynamic response of glaciers to climate is strongly dependent on the glacier size and geometry.

"It can be suggested that besides global warming, the local climate and non-climatic factors such as aspect and slope play an important role in the variable loss and dynamics of glacier snouts even in the same valley," said the study.

Swacchh ranking: Tale of contrasts for two capitals

Srinagar was ranked 36th among the cleanest cities in India while Jammu came at 224th spot in the Swachh Survekshan. It's the fourth consecutive year that Jammu has ranked so low — it secured 2284.16 points among the 382 cities and towns with a population of less than 10 lakh. In 2019, Srinagar had secured 357th rank while Jammu had secured 318th place respectively. Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner Gazanfar Ali applauded the role of sanitary workers for conducting effective sanitation even after the outbreak of the COVID-19.

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SRINAGAR DIARY

Over 10,000 patients benefit from teleradiology

More than 10,000 patients have availed the services of teleradiology in Jammu and Kashmir since its launch on June 24 this year. The teleradiology services are being provided under the Free Diagnostics Initiative of the Centre's National Health Mission focusing on rural and far-flung areas in the initial phase. The initiative, according to government officials, has brought a lot of respite to the people providing them with accurate diagnosis without compromising quality with the use of high-end technology and equipment, improved consultation and better management of patient care. In the first phase, 53 healthcare institutions, including six district hospitals, are covered under this initiative in the Union Territory.

Stray dogs to be sterilised again

With the population of stray dogs in the city on the rise, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has decided to resume the dog sterilisation program. The SMC, in collaboration with veterinary faculty SKUAST, is going to resume the animal birth control and anti-Rabies program at its Animal Birth Control facility Shuhama in the outskirts of Srinagar. People in many parts of the city complain that it has become difficult for children and elderly people to move out due to the ever-growing canine threat. SMC Commissioner Gazanfar Ali said that the program, which was temporarily on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions, shall be resumed and areas with an overpopulation of dogs and complaints coming from the red zone areas shall be attended initially.

Land survey through CORS system

Jammu and Kashmir will be the first among states and union territories to conduct a land survey through the CORS system ensuring complete error-free digitisation of Jamabandis reducing chances of disputes. Financial Commissioner Revenue, Dr Pawan Kotwal said that the CORS system would be installed in the next 15 days and there will be 20 such installations in the entire UT. One CORS system would be established in every district in a mission mode. According to officials, readings and information relating to the survey of the land through the CORS system will be accurate up to 5 cm radius making it a unique project.

3,80,000+

Number of videos TikTok claims to have removed in the US in 2020 as part of its programme to "eliminate hate" on the platform

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	18 SNY	Los Angeles	33	21 SNY
Colombo	31	24 TDS	Melbourne	10	7 LR
Doha	40	29 SNY	Moscow	24	11 SNY
Dubai	42	31 SNY	New York	27	21 LC
Houston	35	23 SNY	Singapore	27	22 TDS
Istanbul	35	21 SNY	Toronto	27	19 SNY
London	22	14 LC	Washington DC	27	22 HR

New twist: Doctors say 'no trace' of poison in Navalny

Supporters of the opposition leader term refusal to fly him out of Russia a ploy by Kremlin to buy time for the toxin to disappear

OMSK

DOCTORS treating Russian opposition figure Alexei Navalny on Friday said there was no evidence to back claims he was poisoned, as aides accused authorities of risking his life by initially refusing to allow his evacuation to Germany for treatment.

Navalny, a 44-year-old lawyer and anti-corruption campaigner who is among President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, was in a coma in intensive care in the Siberian city of Omsk after he lost consciousness while on a flight and his plane made an emergency landing on Thursday.

Aides say they believe he was poisoned and that something was put in his tea at an airport cafe. Doctors treating him in Omsk said Friday that tests had shown no trace of any poison.

"So far no poison has been identified in the blood and urine, there is no trace of its presence," Anatoly Kalinichenko, the deputy head doctor of the hospital, told journalists in Omsk.

"We do not believe that the patient suffered poisoning," he said, adding that doctors "practically" had a full diagnosis that had been communicated to Navalny's family.

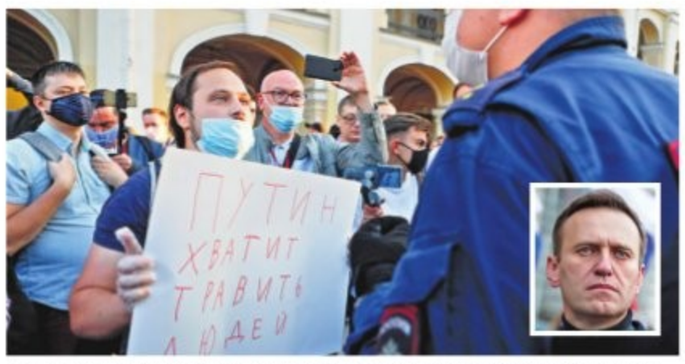
Navalny's spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh said the refusal was a ploy to hide the poisoning and put his life at risk.

"The ban on the transportation of Navalny is needed only to play for time until the poison in his body can no longer be traced," she said on Twitter.

The US embassy in Moscow said in a tweet on Friday that if the poisoning claim proved true it would represent "a grave moment for Russia, and the Russian people deserve to see all those involved held to account".

Navalny lost consciousness shortly after his plane took off on Thursday from Tomsk in Siberia, where he was working to support opposition candidates ahead of regional elections next month.

Yarmysh said he had seemed "absolutely fine" before boarding the flight and had only consumed a cup of tea at the airport. She said she was sure he had suffered from an "intentional poisoning" and put the blame on Putin. *AFP*



A protester stands in front of a police officer holding a poster reading 'Putin stop poisoning people!' during a picket in support of Alexei Navalny in the centre of St. Petersburg on Thursday. (Right corner) Image of Alexei Navalny | AP

Belarus Prez pledges to fix crisis in coming days

MINSK

BELARUSIAN President Alexander Lukashenko vowed on Friday to resolve his country's political crisis "in the coming days" and accused the United States of "directing" anti-government protesters.

Speaking to workers in the Dzerzhinsk region south of the capital Minsk, Lukashenko said the protests "should not worry you".

"This is my problem, which I must resolve and which we are resolving. And believe me, in the coming days it will be resolved," he said, according to state news agency *Belta*.

He repeated a claim that protesters were being paid and accused the US of organising demonstrations in order to create a buffer zone with his country, the three Baltic states and Ukraine between Russia.

Opposition challenger Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya voiced defiance on Friday after Lukashenko's government opened a criminal probe into attempts to "seize power".

In her first public comments since fleeing to Lithuania, Tsikhanouskaya said Belarusians would "never accept the current leadership again" after a crackdown on mass protests following a disputed August 9 election.

"They can never forgive and forget all the violence that our citizens have suffered," she said.

The political novice who only put forward her candidacy when her blogger husband was arrested ahead of the vote, also told reporters she loved her homeland and planned to return "when I feel safe there". *AFP*

Russia to let dissenter fly to Berlin for treatment

MOSCOW

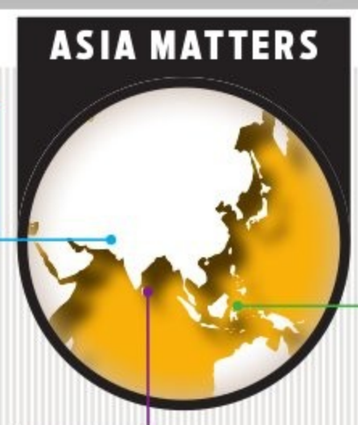
RUSSIAN doctors gave Alexei Navalny, the Putin's dissident who is in a coma after a suspected poisoning permission to be transferred abroad for medical treatment, a senior physician said Friday.

The reversal came after more than 24 hours of wrangling over Navalny's condition and treatment. His family and supporters wanted him brought to a top German medical clinic, but his physicians in Omsk said he was too unstable to move, even after a plane with German specialists and advanced equipment arrived.

The German doctors later examined Navalny and said he was fit to be transported, according to a representative of the charity that has organized the plane to bring him to Berlin. The flight was scheduled for Saturday morning, Russia's *RIA Novosti* news agency reported, citing airport officials.

The most prominent member of Russia's opposition, Navalny campaigned to challenge Putin in the 2018 presidential election but was barred from running. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Man who killed US citizen in court claims he was given a gun

A Pakistani man charged with the killing of a US citizen inside a court in the country's restive northwest has claimed he had an accomplice, a lawyer who managed to sneak the gun into the building and give it to him, the police said. The American, Tahir Naseem, was gunned down in public last month in Peshawar where he was on trial for blasphemy following his arrest two years ago after he had allegedly declared himself Islam's prophet. His killer, Faisal Khan, was taken into custody on the spot and now claims he had an accomplice who was able to bring the gun inside the court undetected and give it to him, said police official Inamullah Khan. The police official is not related to the killer.

SRI LANKA

Country to reopen schools

Sri Lanka has decided to reopen all schools after health officials declared the coronavirus is under control. About two weeks ago the education ministry allowed the resumption of several grades that will face government examinations in the coming months. The ministry has now given all schools permission to reopen if they have enough classrooms and teachers to maintain social distancing. Sri Lanka has reported 2,918 Covid-19 cases, including 11 deaths

INDONESIA

Deep undersea earthquake shakes Sulawesi island

A strong, deep undersea earthquake shook eastern Indonesia on Friday, but no damage has been reported. The 6.9 magnitude earthquake was centred more than 627 kilometres under the sea, according to the US Geological Survey. Deeper quakes tend to cause less damage at the surface. It was centred at 220 kilometres south-southeast of Katabu in Southeast Sulawesi province. The Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency released no tsunami warning. The vast archipelago of 260 million people, is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin

(File image) European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier | AP

EU warns Brexit deal unlikely as trade talks show no progress

BRUSSELS

THE EU and Britain on Friday traded blame for the lack of progress after the latest round of post-Brexit trade talks, with Brussels warning that a deal looked unlikely.

The EU's chief negotiator Michel Barnier lodged his warning at the close of the seventh round of trade talks, which again got stuck on key issues, mainly fishing rights and competition rules.

Hundreds of negotiators met over several days in the Belgian capital with both sides acknowledging a sliver of progress on technical issues — but not on the main obstacles.

"Those who were hoping for negotiations to move swiftly forward this week will have been disappointed," Barnier told reporters after the talks ended. "And, unfortunately, I too am frankly disappointed and concerned and surprised as well," he added.

His UK counterpart David Frost countered that Brussels' insistence that London meet EU demands on state aid and fisheries policy before work on other areas made it "unnecessarily difficult to make progress".

Frost reiterated that he thought a deal remained possible and was Britain's aim but he warned: "It is clear that it will not be easy to achieve."

Barnier said that "too often this week it felt as if we were going backwards rather than forwards."

Frost was not only criticised by the EU for his negotiating stance, but also from within Britain, as Scotland sided with Barnier. Scotland was one of the UK's nations to vote to remain in the EU during the 2016 referendum, and its continued criticism of London underscores the rift Brexit has left in the nation.

"It is unforgiveable for the UK government to be recklessly running down the clock and causing maximum economic uncertainty," said Scotland's External Affairs Secretary Michael Russell. *AFP*

Erdogan converts another former church into mosque

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday ordered another ancient Orthodox church that became a mosque and then a popular Istanbul museum to be turned back into a place of Muslim worship

MOVE AIMED AT SUPPORTERS

Both changes reflect Erdogan's efforts to galvanise his more conservative and nationalist supporters at a time when Turkey is suffering a new spell of inflation and economic uncertainty caused by the coronavirus

SECOND CHURCH

The decision to transform the Kariye Museum into a mosque came just a month after a similarly controversial conversion for the UNESCO World Heritage-recognised Hagia Sophia

ACT OF PROVOCATION?

The move has added to Turkey's tensions with Greece and its Orthodox Church

The Greek foreign ministry called the decision "yet another provocation against religious persons everywhere" by the Turkish government

SIMILAR HISTORY TO THAT OF HAGIA SOPHIA

1,000-year-old building's history closely mirrors that of the Hagia Sophia

- The Holy Saviour in Chora was a medieval Byzantine church
- It is decorated with 14th-century frescoes of the Last Judgement
- Converted into the Kariye Mosque half a century after the **1453 conquest of Constantinople** by the Ottoman Turks
- Became the Kariye Museum after World War II as Turkey pushed ahead with the creation of a more secular new republic
- Original church's mosaics were restored and opened for public display in 1958
- Turkey's top administrative court approved the museum's conversion into a mosque in November 2019

Source: AFP

Joe vows to end US 'season of darkness'

WILMINGTON

JOE Biden accepted the Democratic presidential nomination with a vow to be a unifying "ally of the light" who would move an America in crisis past the chaos of President Donald Trump's tenure.

In his strongest remarks of the campaign, Biden spoke Thursday night both of returning the US to its traditional leadership role in the world and of the deeply personal challenges that shaped his life. Virtually every sentence of his 22-minute speech was designed to present a sharp, yet hopeful, contrast with the Republican incumbent.

"Here and now I give you my word: If you entrust me with the presidency, I will draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll be an ally of the light, not the darkness," Biden said. "Make no mistake, united we can and will overcome this season of darkness in America."

For the 77-year-old Biden, the final night of the Democratic National Convention was bittersweet. He accepted a nomination that had eluded him for over three decades because of personal tragedy, political stumbles and rivals who proved more dynamic.

But the coronavirus denied him the typical celebration, complete with the customary balloon drop that both parties often use to fete their new nominees. Instead, Biden spoke to a largely empty arena near his Delaware home.

Afterward, fireworks lit the sky outside the arena, where supporters waited in a parking lot, honking horns and flashing headlights in a moment that finally lent a jovial feel to the event.

The end of the carefully scripted convention now gives way to a far less-predictable period for Biden and his Democratic Party as the 2020 election season speeds to its uncertain conclusion.

While Election Day isn't until November 3, early voting gets underway in several battleground states in just one month.

Biden has maintained a polling advantage over Trump for much of the year, but it remains to be seen whether the Democratic nominee's approach to politics and policy will genuinely excite the coalition he's courting in an era of uncompromising partisanship. *AP*

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, raise their arms up as fireworks go off in the background during the fourth day of the Democratic National Convention | AP

V-P Pence criticises DNC, previews themes for RNC

WASHINGTON: V-P Mike Pence on Friday said that next week's Republican Party convention "will make sure the American people see the choice" between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden. Previewing themes for the Republican gathering, Pence said viewers will hear about how the GOP will support law and order, and the men and women of law enforcement. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Giannulli gets 5 months prison term for college bribe

BOSTON: Fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli was sentenced on Friday to five months behind bars for paying half a million dollars in bribes to get his two daughters into the University of Southern California as rowing recruits. "I deeply regret the harm that my actions have caused my daughters, my wife and others," Giannulli said in a short statement during the hearing. His wife, *Full House* star Lori Loughlin, is expected to be sentenced after pleading guilty under a deal with prosecutors that calls for her to serve two months in prison. *AP*

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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See provision to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Central bank of India**-Secured Creditor, will be sold on **" As is where", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date and time specified herein below , for the recovery of the amount due to the Central bank of India-Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and the Guarantor(s)). The Reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the property is mentioned herein below.

Name of the Branch: BANGALORE CITY, BANGALORE

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Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice dated.03.07.2019: Rs.4,12,08,087.02 as on 24.05.2019(Plus Interest & Charges From 24.05.2019)

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property belonging to M/s BRAND IT, rep by Partners . Smt S.B.Sahana and Smt. S Roopa Vishwa Harsha bearing Khatha No 1-4, Old No 3/1-4, Industrial Sites bearing Nos. 6 & 7, old PID No 36-29-1-4, New PID No 105-W0251-8,situated within the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara palike, 1st cross, MRCR layout, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Byanna Industrial Estate, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru measuring East to West [50 + 51.3]/2 ft and North to South 60 ft in all measuring 3039 sq ft and bounded on East by: Drain, West by: Road, North by,: Property No 5, South by: Remaining portion of the same property retained by Seethamma

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Proof of identification (KYC) viz. copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc. 4. Copy of proof of address, 5.Duly Filled up & Signed Copy of Annexure II & III attached to the Tender form, without which the bid is liable to be rejected. **(5)** The Interested bidders who require assistance in creating login ID and password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact E-AUCTION HANDLING: M/s.e-procurement technologies Ltd., Helpline No. 079-40230810 to 844/ Auction tiger Toll Free No : 18001035342, Contact Persons; Mr Manohar-7353931866/9900557732, MrJineshJariwala -9686999578/09537046315 ; Mr Robin kennedy-9845484101 , 080-40985101 ; Mr Stephen Kalpala-+91-9904587679, E-mail: Karnataka@auctiontiger.net / support@auctiontiger.net and for any property related query- Mr. Manoj M (Chief Manager), Mobile No: 9916102337, Tel. 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The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the reserve price) on closure of online auction shall be declared as successful bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor **(8)** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 48 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of the sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the Bidder shall be liable to be forfeited and the property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of property/amount.**(9)**The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-auction from M/s. e-procurement technologies Ltd. prior to the date of e-auction. 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STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 22.08.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Manager
Central Bank of India

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
214.33 ▲	Sensex	38,434.72	₹115 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,197.3	₹2,200 ▲	Per kg	₹66,374	▲ Dollar	74.84
59.40 ▲	Nifty	11,371.60	₹118 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,176.5	₹2.20 ▲	Per gm	₹66.15	▲ Euro	88.27

NEW CHIEF

Ashwani Bhatia appointed MD of State Bank

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THE government has appointed Ashwani Bhatia as the next managing director of India's largest public sector bank State Bank of India (SBI). Bhatia is currently serving as the managing director (MD) and CEO of SBI Mutual Fund, and had been tipped to be a front runner for his new post through the selection process.

The order for the appointment was issued by the Personnel ministry on Friday, which said Bhatia will remain MD of SBI until his superannuation on May 31, 2022. Before joining SBI Mutual Funds as its chief, Bhatia has been in charge of revamping the huge public sector lender's entire credit structure and process. According to officials, he has also been associated with SBI Capital Markets as the qing's president and chief operating officer and whole time director.

Over his tenure of 33 years with the State Bank of India, officials say that Bhatia has served in several diverse and varied functions and assignments, adding that he has rich experience in the various facets of commercial banking—such as forex and treasury, retail credit and liability and corporate credit.

The Banks Board Bureau headed by former Department of Personnel and Training Secretary B P Sharma had recommended Ashwini Bhatia for the position. last year alongside recommendations for the top posts of other banks. Constituted in 2016, Banks Board Bureau makes recommendations for the appointment of whole-time directors as well as non-executive chairpersons of public sector banks.

Indo-US trade shaved off by a quarter

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BILATERAL trade between India and the United States, which touched a massive $150 billion last year, has dropped by around 25 per cent during the first half of this year due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

According to top officials, the pandemic has heavily impacted trade, which had, until the outbreak arrived, been on a significant upswing.

"Our bilateral trade has not been immune to COVID-19 as total trade between the two countries has reduced by nearly 25 per cent in the first half of 2020 as compared to 2019," Indian Ambassador to the United States Taranjit Singh Sandhu said on Friday. He was speaking at a webinar organised by industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

So far, the US is India's biggest trading partner and bilateral trade between the two had been growing at the rate of around 10 per cent on a year-to-year basis, reaching $150 billion in 2019.

Noting that there were important trade agreements being worked out between the two, the ambassador pitched for the conclusion of the ongoing trade negotiations which are stuck on account of a difference of opinion over how far the Indian marketplace can be opened up to businesses from the US.

Despite several rounds of negotiation, both countries have not been able to iron out differences on these issues.

India, for its part, is demanding exemptions from high duties imposed by the US on some steel and aluminium products, the resumption of export benefits to certain domestic items under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) system, and greater market access for its products from sectors such as agriculture, automobile, automobile components and engineering.

The US wants greater market access for its farm and manufacturing products sector, dairy items and medical devices, apart from a cut in import duties on some information and communication technology products. The US has also raised concerns over high trade deficit with India.

Airtel may need to pay Videocon AGR dues: SC

Bench orders DoT to file detailed affidavit on spectrum agreements and dues owed

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IN a turn of events that may increase Bharti Airtel's already enormous AGR liability, the Supreme Court on Friday made an observation that may see the company end up paying around ₹1,400 crore in AGR dues owed by bankrupt Videocon Telecommunications. Airtel's total liability, part of which it has already paid, already comes up to nearly ₹44,000 crore.

On Friday, the SC bench comprising Arun Mishra, S Abdul Nazeer and MR Shah noted that according to spectrum trading guidelines, AGR dues that arise from the spectrum assets would first have to be met, before these licenses could be traded. If the company that had initially held the spectrum could not pay up these liabilities, then the company currently holding the spectrum would need to do so, the court observed.

Videocon had sold its spectrum in the 1800 megahertz band to Airtel earlier, and the latter had gone on to acquire bankrupt Aircel Communications' spectrum too. Aircel, also bankrupt, owes ₹12,289 crore. The SC has repeatedly observed that it is worried that all the AGR dues owed by bankrupt firms may be extinguished in the IBC process.

During the hearing, the bench ordered the Department of Telecom (DoT) to apprise it by Saturday the basis of spectrum sharing done by telecom companies and how much is the liability of the sharers. The secretary of DoT has been told to file a specific affidavit apprising the court about who was using the spectrum from the date of grant of license and from which date the respective sharing of spectrum has taken happened.

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>
> Supreme Court

"The DoT is required to file an affidavit, specifically by tomorrow i.e. by August 22, 2020, pointing out on the basis of sharing arrangement, how much is the liability of the sharers from the date of sharing and how much they have paid and as per our Judgment, what are the arrears, which are required to be paid on the basis of sharing arrangement by respective sharers," the bench asked.

"Secondly, we also require the Secretary, DoT, to file an affidavit with respect to the date of transfer, how much are the previous dues with effect from the date of grant of licence till the date when transfer was made," it added.

PSBs will need ₹2.1 lakh cr over two years due to fresh capital shortages

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PUBLIC sector banks would need to raise as much as ₹2.1 lakh crore crore in external capital over the next two years in order to absorb rising credit cost and create buffers for growth—even though they have received a breather by way of a resolution framework for Covid-related stress, said Moody's Investor Services.

The ratings agency added in its statement on Friday that the sharp slowdown in India's economic growth, exacerbated by the coronavirus outbreak, will see asset quality of PSBs deteriorating, with a substantial share of restructured loans slipping into the non-performing loans (NPL) category.

"PSBs are facing large capital shortfalls fresh on the heels of a capital infusion totaling ₹2.7 lakh crore the government made during fiscal 2017-20 to restore their solvency that had been damaged by large increases in NPLs in prior years. We estimate these banks will need about ₹1.9-2.1 lakh crore over the next two years and the most likely source of capital to plug the capital shortfalls will be government support," it said in a note. While a large number of private banks have already undertaken capital raising, their public counterparts are yet to do so. Of the total amount, PSBs will need about ₹1 lakh crore to build loan-loss provisions to about 70 per cent of NPLs, which will leave them with enough capacity to grow loans 8-10 per cent annually, faster than the 4 per cent in fiscal year 2019-20.

COVID-19 STRESS

14.5%	11%
is the level estimated for NPAs by March 2022	was the overall NPA level as of March 2020

The Centre had already infused ₹2.7 lakh crore into PSBs between 2017-20

It also expects that Retail and SME-focused banks with weak loan-loss coverage and capitalisation will face greater external capital requirements than corporate-focused banks.

"Job losses resulting from disruptions to economic activity and subsequent reductions in household income will lead to a deterioration of retail loan quality. Performance of MSME loans has started weakening," Moody's added.

REPORT

Hyderabad realty sector pips peers

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DESPITE the Covid-19 induced nationwide lockdown, Hyderabad's real estate performed better than other cities in Q2 of 2020, and it continued to witness relatively good office leasing and residential sales, said a joint JLL-CII report on Friday.

Hyderabad led India's office supply with a 30 per cent share in first half of 2020, significantly driving the country's office absorption with an 18 per cent share during the same period. The report also said that its formal economy was one of the first in urban India that resumed its stability after lockdown rules were eased.

The city reported an absorption of 2.1 million sq. ft in H1 2020, which dropped the city's vacancy rate to 9.2 per cent. In residential real estate, Hyderabad witnessed the highest quarterly launches ever during the lockdown period in Q2 2020.

"Hyderabad's resilience comes from the confidence of doing business instilled by the state government. The business-friendly policies of the government has helped corporates leverage the existing ecosystem in the state to maximize output and emerge as the destination of choice," said Ramesh Nair, chief executive officer and Country Head of the Indian unit of JLL.

EXPRESS READ

PNB posts Q1 net profit of ₹308 cr

New Delhi: State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Friday reported a standalone net profit of ₹308 crore for the quarter ended June. The country's second largest lender had posted a net profit of ₹1,018.63 crore during the corresponding April-June period of 2019-20.

Union Bank posts Q1 net profit of ₹333 cr

New Delhi: Union Bank of India, which amalgamated Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank from April 1, reported a standalone net profit of ₹333 crore in the quarter ended June. The merged bank had booked a profit-after-tax of ₹381 crore in the same period of the previous fiscal.

Avoid frequent ad hoc review of credit facility: RBI

New Delhi: Concerned over frequent changes in loan facility to businesses, the Reserve Bank on Friday asked all the lenders, including urban cooperative banks and small finance banks, to avoid repeated ad hoc and short review of credit facilities to businesses without justifiable reasons.

MEIL lowest bidder for Zojila tunnel with ₹4,509 cr proposal

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MEGHA Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL) has emerged as the lowest bidder for the prestigious Zojila Pass tunnel project running through the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh union territories, according to the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL).

The company was among the three bidders in the race, including Larsen & Toubro and Ircon International JV. Megha, however, had the lowest quote at ₹4,509.5 crore for the tunnel project, which has remained stuck for over six years now.

The project holds strategic significance as Zojila Pass is situated at an altitude of 11,578 feet on the Srinagar-Kargil-Leh National Highway and remains closed during winters due to heavy snowfall.

"MEIL has emerged as the lowest bidder by quoting ₹4,509.5 crore for the Zojila Pass tunnel project," an NHIDCL official said.

Ch. Subbaiah, Director, MEIL said, "A two-lane road with bi-directional traffic would have to be constructed on the Zojilla route, which is called a Single Tube tunnel. The road consists mainly of shafts as well as portal structures and excavated areas. This complex project would have to be completed in just 72 months."

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This whole project has to executed in two parts. The first part is 18.50 kilometre of road, and the second part is 14.15 kilometres as a tunnel. The first is to widen the existing road form Judd-Morha to Zojilla tunnel. A 13.842 kilometres new road is to be constructed. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari had last month said that the work on the project will start soon.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in May 2018 laid the foundation stone for the ₹6,800 crore project.

Yes Bank sells mutual fund biz to GPL Finance

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

YES Bank has agreed to sell its mutual fund business to Prashant Khemka-backed GPL Finance and Investments Ltd. The move comes since the private lender plans to focus on its core businesses, it said in a stock exchange filing. GPL will be acquiring its wholly owned subsidiaries—YES Asset Management (India) Limited (YES AMC) and YES Trustee Ltd.

"On August 21, 2020, the Bank executed a definitive agreement for the sale of 100% of the equity shareholding of YESAMC and YES Trustee Limited to GPL Finance and Investments Limited," Yes bank said. It did not, however, disclose the value of the deal and said that the transaction is subject to requisite regulatory approvals.

White Oak Investment Management Pvt Ltd owns 99 per cent of GPL Finance, and the ultimate beneficial holder of the company is Prashant Khemka who owns 99.99 per cent in White Oak, the bank added. Khemka founded his boutique investment management firm White Oak in June 2017. Prior to that, he was the CIO and lead portfolio manager of GS India Equity at Goldman Sachs Asset Management from March 2007-2017.

YES Mutual Fund, had assets under management of ₹57 crore as of June 2020, down from ₹2,000 crore in March 2019, showed data from Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi). Net losses of the fund house widened from to ₹16 crore in FY19 from ₹4.5 crore in FY18.

In FY20, its revenue was just ₹33 lakh and net worth contribution totalled ₹49.7 crore, the bank said in its filing.

The year 2020 seems to be a black swan year for the Indian mutual fund industry—a severe recession in the economy combined with poor long-term returns in the equity space.

After a heady few years of growth, net inflows into equity schemes fell to a four-year low in June 2020. In July, it entered into negative territory at ?2,480 crore, according to data from mutual fund industry.

US court brings down penalty on TCS

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

A US Court of Appeals has reduced the punitive damages to be paid by Tata Consultancy Services to $140 million from $280 million with respect to a lawsuit that was filed by a software service firm Epic Systems. Epic had accused TCS of data and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) theft in 2014.

Epic Systems had filed a lawsuit alleging that TCS stole data and trade secrets related to a contract that the IT firm secured from a Portland based hospital Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Centre.

DAMAGES

- TCS had been told to pay $280 mn in damages
- But the appeals court has reduced this to $280 mn

However, the appeals court has held that the punitive damages award of $280 million is constitutionally excessive and directed the Trial Court to reassess the punitive damages. TCS said in an exchange filing on Friday that it is exploring the options available to it, as it believes that there is no evidence of misuse of EPIC information by TCS.

TCS added that it will vigorously defend its position before the relevant court.

The current reduction in its liability in the form of punitive damages came after TCS filed an appeal against the earlier trial court verdict.

NEW HORIZONS

Flipkart enters Nepal market through SastoDeal tie-up

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

FLIPKART has partnered with Nepal's top e-commerce firm SastoDeal in move which will open up the neighbouring country's market for the Walmart-owned company. According to the Flipkart, it will sell products across verticals, from baby care and women's ethnic wear, to sports & fitness, among others.

In the first phase, the partnership will see over 5,000 products Flipkart listed on SastoDeal. Earlier, Flipkart-backed online fashion marketplace Myntra launched various Indian brands in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) through a partnership with e-commerce firms noon.com and namshi.com.

In addition to the products manufactured by Indian MSMEs, Flipkart said that it will also list its private brands, MarQ and SmartBuy on the SastoDeal platform in Nepal. Categories such as electronics, home appliances/home decor, and furnishings will be in focus. Currently there are over two lakh sellers listed on the Flipkart platform in India with more than 50 per cent coming from the smaller cities of the country.

"E-commerce business in Nepal has huge potential as more and more consumers take to online shopping... We are confident that new growth avenues such as this will boost the economic sentiment and growth prospects for local MSMEs in India," Jagjeet Harode, Head of Marketplace, Flipkart said.

To list products from its own private brands

Flipkart's private labels MarQ and SmartBuy will also be listed on the SastoDeal platform in Nepal, with a particular focus on categories such as electronics, home appliances/home decor, and furnishings will be in focus. Flipkart has over two lakh sellers in India currently.

In India, Flipkart has a customer base of 250 million users, with around 150 million products listed across more than 80 categories.

"Customers in Nepal increasingly look forward to products with best in class features and quality, and with a trusted brand like Flipkart, we can fulfill their requirements and enhance their experience on our platform. We are ensuring that customers get access to these products readily and hoping that together, this partnership can modernize the consumer landscape in Nepal significantly, especially in the current times," Amun Thapa, CEO, Sastodeal said.

United captain Maguire arrested for alleged assault

Manchester United captain Harry Maguire has been arrested on the Greek tourist island of Mykonos for an alleged assault and attacking officers, police said Friday. United said in a brief statement they were "aware of an alleged incident involving Harry Maguire in Mykonos last night."

PRIDE & HONOUR FOR RECIPIENTS

The Khel Ratna Award is one of the most prestigious awards that a sportsperson can receive, and I owe this to my coaches, teammates, friends and family for their constant support...

Rani Rampal, India women's hockey team captain

This award will only inspire me to win the gold at the Paralympics in 2021. This is the perfect reward for my perseverance and hardwork over the last four years.

Mariyappan Thangavelu, India para athlete

Extremely happy that I have won it. A silver lining in these troubled times, it has come at the right time. This will motivate me to perform even better in the months to come.

Chirag Shetty, India badminton doubles specialist

I'm extremely happy to have won it. It will motivate me to make Olympic cut and win laurels for the country in the Tokyo Games next year.

Divya Kakran, India wrestler

Coaches and athletes to attend rehearsal before the virtual grand function on Aug 29

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

HAD it been a world free of Covid-19 pandemic, winners of the national sports awards would have assembled at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on August 29 to receive the honours. It would have been a lifelong memory for these athletes with a picture with the president adorning walls of their respective homes for years.

Boxing coach Shiv Singh, who has been chosen for the Dronacharya award in lifetime category, rues missing the opportunity, but feels life has to go on. "It (the picture) would have preserved the memory forever but you cannot complain. The award itself is a big honour for my services to the sport for more than two decades," Singh told this daily. He will attend the award ceremony in his hometown Chandigarh.

As was reported by this daily, the recipients have been requested to go to chosen venues, mostly SAI centres in their states, to attend the dress rehearsal and the award ceremony. "I will go to SAI Centre in Pune. The final plan has not been communicated to me officially but I have been hinted that I have to attend a rehearsal a couple of days before the ceremony," said wrestler Rahul Aware, another awardee.

Shooting legend Jaspal Rana, who was ignored for the Dronacharya last year, will attend the programme from Delhi. "It's a proud moment for everyone. It's a great honour not only for me but for the entire team that has been working with me. My coach Tibor Gonczol would have been proud of me had he been alive," said Rana. Australian Gonczol, who was former India foreign coach, had passed away in 2014.

Wrestling coach Om Prakash Dahiya along with his ward Vinesh Phogat (chosen for Khel Ratna Award), have been requested to reach SAI Centre in Sonepat on August 27.

Madhya Pradesh swimmer Satendra Singh Lohiya, who is the first divyang sportsperson in the country to be selected for the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award, will head to Bhopal SAI Centre to attend the ceremony. He is posted in a government department in Indore. "I will reach Bhopal on August 27 and will attend the rehearsal before the ceremony. Yogesh Malviya, the mallakhabh coach from MP, will also be there," Lohiya said. Woman boxer Lovlina Borgohain, who had qualified for the Olympics in 69kg, reached NIS Patiala from Assam and will attend the function at the centre, confirmed her father Tiken Borgohain.

ARJUNA AWARD

Atanu Das (Archery), Dutee Chand (Athletics), Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy (Badminton), Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty (Badminton), Vishesh Bhriguvanshi (Basketball), Subedar Manish Kaushik (Boxing), Lovlina Borgohain (Boxing), Ishant Sharma (Cricket), Deepti Sharma (Cricket), Sawant Ajay Anant (Equestrian), Sandesh Jhingan (Football), Aditi Ashok (Golf), Akashdeep Singh (Hockey), Deepika (Hockey), Deepak (Kabaddi), Kale Sarika Sudhakar (Kho Kho), Dattu Baban Bhokanal (Rowing), Manu Bhaker (Shooting), Saurabh Chaudhary (Shooting), Madhurika Suhas Patkar (TT), Divij Sharan (Tennis), Shiva Keshavan (Luge).

Shiv Singh (L) with Lovlina Borgohain when he was the national boxing coach

RIDDLE OF PANCH-RATNA

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

THE final list of award winners was released by the sports ministry on Friday with the only notable exception from the initial list of recommendations seeing weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik being excluded from the list of Arjuna awardees.

The final list still saw an unprecedented five Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna recipients and a mammoth 27 winners of the Arjuna Award. The duo was excluded from the Arjuna list after the Sports Minister's intervention because they had already won the Khel Ratna previously — Sakshi in 2016 and Mirabai in 2018.

The 12-member selection committee picked five Khel Ratna winners — India vice-captain Rohit Sharma, wrestler Vinesh Phogat, Paralympic gold-winner Mariyappan Thangavelu, paddler Manika Batra, and women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal, who was included later.

However, eyebrows were raised over the inclusion of Manika's name.

Experts felt since it was based on her Commonwealth Games and Asiad medals in 2018, she was already rewarded for with Arjuna for her CWG gold. Experts also pointed out that after her 2018 showings, her performances have been inconsistent which can be traced from the fact that her world ranking has dipped below 60.

Vinesh, meanwhile, is encouraged to win a medal in Tokyo next year. "The award seems like a second lease of life. It has bestowed added responsibility and I hope to carry on and win a medal for the country in the upcoming Olympics," Vinesh said.

Hockey ace Rani is grateful to her teammates and coaches. "The Khel Ratna Award is one of the most prestigious awards that a sportsperson can receive, and I owe this to my coaches, teammates, friends and family for their constant support since the very beginning," Rani said.

The Arjuna list saw quite a few deserving sportspersons finally get their due like Winter Olympic Games legend Shiva Keshavan, recurve archer Atanu Das, sprint queen Dutee Chand, boxers Manish Kaushik, Lovlina Borgohain and grapplers Divya Kakran and Rahul Aware.

Sports awards for Felix, Aditi and Rai

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Jude Felix and Aditi Ashok are set to be conferred with the prestigious Dronacharya and the Arjuna Awards respectively on August 29, National Sports Day. The former has been awarded for his contribution as a hockey coach while the latter, who is India's top woman golfer, has won international golf titles.

Former athletics coach from the state, Purushotham Rai will also receive the Dronacharya award in the life-time category. The 79-year-old trained various athletes, including Ashwini Nachappa, MK Asha and several others, who have done well at various levels.

> **It is definitely a satisfying moment as it is the highest award for coaching. Such things are always going to motivate you.**
>
> Jude Felix, hockey coach

Felix was India men's senior team assistant coach when they won gold at the Asian Games and silver at the Commonwealth Games, both in 2014. He was India's head coach for the men's junior team from 2017 to 2019. He also runs the 'Jude Felix Hockey Academy' in Bengaluru for underprivileged kids as well.

"It is definitely a satisfying moment as it is the highest award for coaching. As a player, I won the Arjuna award and now when coaching, you want to reach the highest level. You always feel good when all the hard work over the last few years has been recognised. It is a good feeling. Such things are always going to motivate you," said Felix, who had also won the Arjuna Award in 1994.

Aditi is one among the 27 Arjuna awardees and the sole golf player on the list. The 22-yearold was the first Indian to clinch a Ladies European Tour title when she won the 2016 Hero Women's Indian Open and also featured at the Olympics in the same year.

"It's immensely gratifying to be conferred with the Arjuna Award and I'd like to thank the Sports Ministry of India for this national honour. This recognition will definitely motivate me to work harder to excel at the highest level. Historically male golfers have won the award more often so it's great to be a woman golfer getting this recognition and hopefully it will help grow women's golf in India," said Aditi.

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Applications are invited by the registered Contractor/ Suppliers for the Following Materials Interested Suppliers may submit there Documents e-procurement portal only.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Supply of 500 Mts. Commercial Urea, N-46%

1. Starting date of Tender: **22.08.2020.**
2. Last date of Submission of Tender: **22.09.2020 at 4.30PM**
3. Date of Opening of Tender(Technical Commercial Bid): **23.09.2020 at 4.45PM.** For further details may visit the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- General Manager
KMF, Unit: C.F.P-Dharwad.

UJVN LIMITED
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun - 248006 CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866
Tel.: 0135-2763808 Fax: 0135-2763507 Website: www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com

No.: 509 **Corrigendum/Addendum Notice** Dated: 20.08.2020

In reference to e-bid notice no : NCB/03/EE(Civil)/MB-I/Maneri/2020-21 for execution of "Slope protection work near intake area of Maneri Dam of MB-I HEP" the corrigendum/addendum notice in respect of modified clauses and response regarding to clarification sought by bidders has uploaded on e-portal **http://uktenders.gov.in.** The bidders are also required to submit/upload the signed copy of downloaded modified clause with their application confirming their acceptance against modified clause. Other terms, conditions & specified dates of bid submission & opening shall remain same.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in"**

Executive Engineer (Civil) MB-I Maneri

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KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Transmission North - Kozhikode

Tender ID: 2020_KSEB_376846 _ 1 *Supply and commissioning, supervision and support of one No. of 11kV Indoor VCB 20 panel set comprising of 2 Incomer Feeder Panels, 17 Outgoing Feeder Panels and one Bus Coupler Panel with Bay Control & Protection Units (BCPU) for 110kV GIS Substation Vennakkara under Transmission Circle Palakkad *PAC : Rs.2,03,00,000/- * Last Date : 14-09-2020 4 PM

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.kseb.in Ref. PR/MC1/ E 222/E-Tender/2020

Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-01.

No.: FD 01 BMB 2020 Date: 20.08.2020

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

Aggregate Amount : Rs. 2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore - 10 Year Tenure) & (Rs.1000 Crore - 13 Year Tenure)
Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)
Date of auction : August 25, 2020.

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

DIPR/BU/18/MCA/2020-21

CENTRAL MINE PLANNING & DESIGN INSTITUTE LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.)
Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834031, Jharkhand, India

NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in/** respective Subsidiary Company (CMPDI, **www.cmpdi.co.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in.** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in."**

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic (Commercial) Department Sarige Bhavana, Central Offices, K.H. Road, Bengaluru-560027

No.: KST/CO/TR/COM-1/562/2020-21 Date: 20.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION No.: KSRTC/COM/02/2020-21

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation invites applications to select Registered Private Contractors for Refreshment Room located at KSRTC, Central Offices Premises, K.H. Road, Bengaluru.

Details: (1) Period : 1 year. **(2)** License fee : Free. **(3)** EMD through DD : Rs. 50,000/-. **(4)** Application Fee & GST : Rs. 1,180/- (Rs. 1,000/- + Rs. 180/-). **(5)** Area : 316.4 Sq. mts. Additional information obtained from the office working hours.

Details	Date	Time
Last date and time for obtaining application	10.09.2020	15:00 hrs
Last date and time for submitting application	11.09.2020	17:00 hrs
Tender opening date and time	14.09.2020	15:00 hrs

Sd/-
Chief Traffic Manager (Com)
DIPR/DDU/LCC/860/2020-21 KSRTC, Central Offices, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
PONDICHERRY URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (E-Tender) 21.08.2020

On-line tender is invited from eligible applicants for Bio-mining Municipal Solid Waste (Legacy Waste) and Bio-remediation of land at Kurumbapet Yard in Puducherry. Tender (RFP) document available at **http://pudutenders.gov.in** can be downloaded from **22.08.2020**. Last date for tender submission is **21.09.2020 by 13.00 hrs**. For further details contact Project Director (PUDA). Contact No. **0413-2336469, 2336084.**

No.156/DIP/AD(Press)/2020-2021 (GIDDI BALARAM) Officer on Special Duty (PUDA)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION,PURI, ODISHA
Phone:06752-223447/ e-Mail: eephpuri@gmail.com

C-104 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. EEPHPURI-21 of 2020-21 Dated. 18.08.2020

1.	Name of the Work	:	Civil , Electrical, WTP and pipe line work .
2.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.278.33 Lakhs
3.	Period of Completion	:	18 (Eighteen) Months
4.	Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal	:	26.08.2020 (11.00A.M) to 10.09.2020 (5.00P.M)
5.	Last Date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal	:	5.00P.M of 10.09.2020
6.	Date and time of opening of bids	:	12.30 P.M of 11.09.2020
7.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	**Executive Engineer, P.H Division, Puri Phone: 06752-223447, Fax: 06752-223447 E-Mail: eephpuri@gmail.com**
8.	The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.		

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (P.H,PURI)
OIPR: 13010/11/0003/2021

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಘಬಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2, ಹಿಡಕಲ್‌ಡ್ಯಾಂ
ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08333-263242 / ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸಂ: 08333-263405 / ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eegrbc2@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ-2/ಡಿಬಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2020-21/ 1242 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-08-2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2 ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ, ತಾ: ಹುಕ್ಕೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇವರು Percentage Tender ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಾಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ರೂಲ್ 28 ರನ್ವಯ Single Cover System (ಎಕ-ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದವರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಾಲ್ (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

Number of works	1 No
Estimated Cost Put to Tender	Rs. 9.47 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 19500.00
Last Date for Tender Queries / Clarifications	25-08-2020 Upto 17:00 Hrs
Last Date for Receipt of Tenders / Bids through e-portal	02-09-2020 Upto 17:30 Hrs
Date of Opening of financial bid	04-09-2020 at 11:00 Hrs Onwards

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ / ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನಿಯಮಗಳು / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ http:// www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮೇಲೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಆರ್.ವ್ಹಿ.ಚಿತ್ತವಾಡಗಿ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2 ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
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E-mail: engg.division.uom@gmail.com www.uni-mysore.ac.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಯು.ಇ.ಡಿ./ಡಿ.ಬಿ-1/629/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14-08-2020

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:UED/DB-1/e-Proc/IFT-09/2020-21, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-08-2020

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರು ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳ 2000ರಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಹ ಸ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-3ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 11.09.2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿಯು ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಸಮ್ಮತಾ ಮಾನ್ಯತಾ ಅವಧಿಗಿಂತ (Validity period) 45 ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರದವರೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ರೂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ
1	Providing Electrification and DG set to ICM building at Manasagangotri, Mysore.	99.80 Lakhs	2.50 Lakhs	3 Months

ಸೂಚನೆ: ಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0821-2419383 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್/396/2020-21 ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

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ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:-
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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced the discovery of a large natural gas reserves off the Black Sea coast, days after he promised "good news" that would usher in a "new era" for the energy dependent country. Erdogan said that the amount of gas discovered is 320 billion cubic meters, adding that he hopes to start extracting and using gas by 2023.

Sea level rise quickens as Greenland ice sheet sheds record amount

586 BILLION TONNES

Study finds that Greenland ice sheet saw a net loss of ice in 2019 due to changing weather pattern

EXFILE

TIPPING POINT: RISE OF THE OCEAN

Greenland's massive ice sheet saw a record net loss in the last year, raising red flags about accelerating sea level rise. That is equivalent to an additional three million tonnes of water streaming into global oceans every day, or six Olympic pools every second. According to a study by Communications Earth & Environment, last year's loss of mass was at least 15 per cent above the record in 2012, but even more alarming are the long-term trends. Here are some facts...

The alraming rise in water level

Crumbling glaciers and torrents of melt-water slicing through Greenland's ice block — as thick as ten Eiffel Towers end-to-end — were the single biggest source of global sea level rise in 2019 and accounted for 40 percent of the total, researchers reported in the journal Communications Earth & Environment.

Redrawing world's coastlines soon

If all of Greenland's ice sheet were to melt, it would lift global oceans by seven metres (23 feet). Even a more modest rise of a couple of metres would redraw the world's coastlines and render land occupied today by hundreds of millions of people uninhabitable.

1.13 TRILLION TONNES

Total ice sheet lost in 2019

45 per cent

FROM GLACIERS SLIDING INTO THE SEA

55 per cent

MELTED ICE

Climate change

Changing weather patterns — also a consequence of climate change — has resulted in less cloud cover and less snow. These high pressure systems have also resulted in warmer, sunny days, accelerating the loss of mass.

Retreating Sheet

Until 2000, Greenland's ice sheet — covering an area three times the size of France — generally accumulated as much mass as it shed. Over the last two decades, the pace of global warming has upended this balance.

The ice sheet is now tracking the worst-case global warming scenario... 2019 and the four other record-loss years have all occurred in the last decade... we need to prepare for an extra 10cm or so of global sea level rise by 2100 from Greenland alone

Andrew Shepherd, director of the Centre for Polar Observation and Modelling at the University of Leeds

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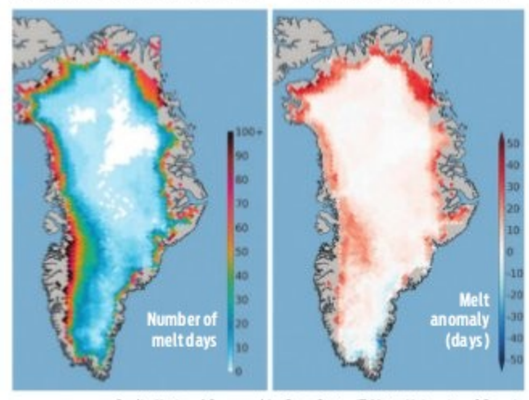
Greenland Cumulative Melt days | Greenland Melt day anomaly



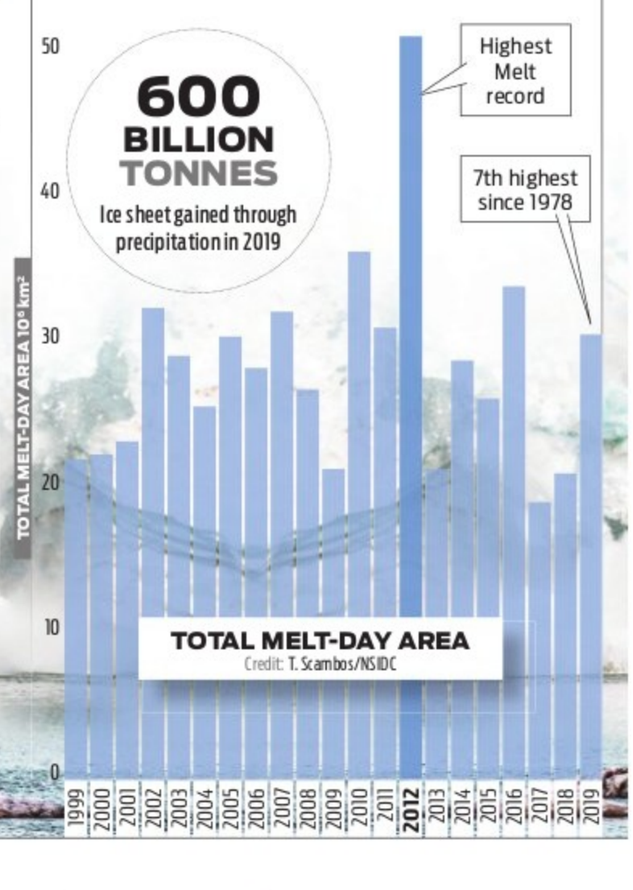
Credit: National Snow and Ice Data Center/T. Mote, University of Georgia

Seventh highest melt days in 2019

According to NSIDC, melting on the Greenland ice sheet for 2019 was the seventh-highest since 1978. The ice sheet has experienced a general increase in melting, with melt-day area for 2019 totaling 28.3 mn square kilometres for the season. Despite the less-than-record number of melt days, models show that 2019 had very large net ice loss for the year.

600 BILLION TONNES

Ice sheet gained through precipitation in 2019



'Contact tracing apps may not be effective'

Proper health control measures like social distancing & other restrictions needed too

COLLABORATION

LONDON: Contact tracing apps are unlikely to contain the spread of Covid-19 without proper public health control measures such as physical distancing and closure of indoor spaces, according to a review of studies. The systematic review, published in the journal Lancet Digital Health on Thursday, shows that evidence around the effectiveness of automated contact tracing systems is currently very limited.

The research suggests that large-scale manual contact tracing alongside other public health control measures — such as physical distancing and closure of indoor spaces such as pubs — is likely to be required in conjunction with automated approaches.

The researchers from University College London (UCL) in the UK found 15 relevant studies by reviewing more than 4,000 papers on automated and partially-automated contact tracing. They analysed these to understand the potential impact these tools could have in controlling the pandemic.

"Across a number of modelling studies, we found a consistent picture that although automated contact tracing could support manual contact tracing, the systems will require large-scale uptake by the population and strict adherence to quarantine advice by contacts notified to have a significant impact on reducing transmission,' said lead author Isobel

Braithwaite from UCL. In total, 4,033 papers published between January, 2000 and April, 2020 were reviewed.

The seven studies that addressed automated contact tracing directly were modelling studies that all focussed on Covid-19. Partially-automated systems may have some automated processes, for instance in determining the duration of follow-up of contacts required, but do not use proximity of smartphones as a proxy for contact with an infected person.

Analysis of automated contact tracing apps generally suggested that high population uptake of relevant apps is required alongside other control measures, while partially-automated systems often had better follow-up and slightly more timely intervention.

"Although automated contact tracing shows some promise in helping reduce transmission of Covid-19 within communities, our research highlighted the urgent need for further evaluation of these apps within public health practice," said Braithwaite.

X-rays shed light on mummies' secrets

FRESH INSIGHT

PARIS: Scientists have used 3D imaging to examine the contents of three mummified animals — a cat, a snake and a bird of prey — to provide unprecedented insight into how they died, all without damaging the specimens.

Ancient Egyptians frequently preserved domesticated animals alongside humans in burial chambers to help bridge the gap between the realms of the living and the dead.

Animal sacrifice and mummification was so widespread that an entire network of farms and transport infrastructure was required to keep up with the demand. Numerous specimens are held in museums around the world today, but their contents have until now been hard to divine without damaging the mummies. A team of Britain-based scientists used advanced 3D X-ray imaging to see into three mummified remains stored at Swansea University's Egypt Centre.

The first, a house cat no more than five months old, was found to have been strangled — as evidenced by separated vertebrae. "Every day when we X-ray something in the lab we know we could be the first people to see the inside in that way," said Rich Johnston, co-Director of Swansea's Advanced Imaging of Materials Facility.

Snake-gods

The second specimen was a small bird of prey, whose cause of death proved inconclusive.

But it was the third mummy that really captivated the team. From the outside, the egg-shaped object appears to be non-descript and could contain just about anything. When the team conducted 3D scans of it however, they saw it contained juvenile Egyptian cobra. More astonishingly, they observed that it had been buried with its mouth forced open in accordance with an ancient Egyptian burial rite. "Opening of the mouth allowed statues of deities and the dead to regain their senses, to see thereby into the realm of the living," said Carolyn Graves-Brown, co-author of the study released in *Nature Scientific Reports*.

New age helps drive Belarus protests

TELEGRAM REVOLUTION

MOSCOW: Every day, like clockwork, to-do lists for those protesting against Belarus' authoritarian leader appear in the popular Telegram messaging app. They lay out goals, give times and locations of rallies with business-like precision, and offer spirited encouragement. "Today will be one more important day in the fight for our freedom. Tectonic shifts are happening on all fronts, so it's important not to slow down," a message in one of Telegram's so-called channels read Tuesday. "Morning. Expanding the strike ... 11:00. Supporting the Kupala (theater) ... 19:00. Gathering at the Independence Square."

The app has become an indispensable tool in coordinating the unprecedented mass protests that have rocked Belarus since Aug. 9, when election officials announced President Alexander Lukashenko had won a landslide victory to extend his 26-year rule in a vote widely seen as rigged. Peaceful protesters who poured into the streets of the capital, Minsk, and other cities were met with stun grenades, rubber bullets and beatings from police.

ANIMAL PLANET

Cats are seen resting on a car during a door to door health check at Perales neighbourhood where Peruvian Health Ministry personnel examine and carry out tests on patients over 60 years old at their houses east of Lima on Friday. | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

No face mask in Beijing

RELAXED NORMS

People in China's capital Beijing are no longer required to wear masks outdoors, health authorities said on Friday, a second such announcement since May when it was reversed after a recurrence of coronavirus cases in the city. According to official data, Beijing had 935 cases of coronavirus since February this year of which 924 have recovered. People are no longer required to wear masks outdoors, but they still need to wear masks when in close contact with others, a new guideline issued by the Beijing Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said. On May 17, Beijing made a similar announcement, becoming a rare city in the world to relax norms.

Arthritis drug gives hope

HEALING TOUCH

Tocilizumab, a drug normally used in rheumatoid arthritis and cancer treatments, may improve hospital survival in critically-ill Covid-19 patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU), according to an observational study of more than 600 people infected with the novel coronavirus. The research, published in *The Lancet Rheumatology*, noted a roughly 36 per cent decrease in hospital-related mortality among the ICU patients who received tocilizumab, as compared with patients in the ICU who didn't receive it. The scientists assessed data on 630 patients who were admitted to the ICUs between March 1 to April 22.

DEADLY BITE

Monster munch: Ancient marine reptile died after dining on fellow titan

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

PARIS: More than 230 million years ago, a giant, dolphin-like marine reptile known as an ichthyosaur devoured its final meal -- a creature almost its own size -- then died a short time later.

Inside its belly was the body of a lizard-like aquatic reptile called a thalattosaur, shorn of its head and long tail but undigested.

Paleontologists digging in a quarry in southwestern China were surprised to discover the remains in 2010: it's almost unheard of to find the stomach contents of marine fossils.

A decade on, in a paper published in iScience Thursday, researchers concluded that rather than feeding on much smaller cephalopods like squid, the five-meter (16-foot) long ichthyosaur was probably a megapredator.

What's more, this particular specimen might have died while ingesting its prey, literally biting off more than it could chew.

"The most likely cause of death is the neck breakage, which likely prevented the predator from breathing," co-author Ryosuke Motani, a paleobiologist at the University of California, Davis said.

The ichthyosaur may have sustained injuries while fighting the thalattosaur, he added, or while trying to swallow it — or both.

But, Motani cautioned: "The interpretation of the death process involves speculation, because nobody was there filming it for us."

The team are a bit more confident that the thalattosaur, which was slightly smaller than its foe at four meters in

length, met a violent end, rather than being scavenged after dying of natural causes.

"There are no signs of rotting of the prey — if it was a rotten carcass, you would not expect to see the fingers still attached to the body," said Motani. The thalattosaur's disconnected tail was found 20 meters (65 feet) away, leading the team to believe it was ripped off and left behind by the ichthyosaur.

The ichthyosaur's stomach contents didn't show signs of advanced digestion by acid, meaning it likely perished soon after its final meal.

"At first, we just didn't believe it, but after spending several years visiting the dig site and looking at the same specimens, we finally were able to swallow what we were seeing," added Motani.

Because the discovery of stomach contents in marine fossils is so rare, scientists generally rely on tooth and jaw shapes to discern what they may have eaten. Ancient apex predators are typically thought to have had large, very sharp teeth — even though some modern predators like crocodiles use blunt teeth to consume large prey using grasping force instead of cutting.

Ichthyosaurs have blunt teeth, but because there was no direct evidence of large prey consumption, researchers previously thought they must feed on small prey.

"Now, we can seriously consider that (Ichthyosaurs) were eating big animals, even when they had grasping teeth," added Motani.

These events took place after the end of the Permian period, some 250 million years ago, when land vertebrates started moving back to the sea following a mass extinction event.

The fact that predators arose shortly afterwards in the Middle Triassic was a sign that ecosystems were bouncing back, said Motani.

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On this day, in 1902, the Cadillac Automobile Company was formed by Henry Leland. It quickly developed into one of America's premier luxury automakers

POPULARITY

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FIRST AUTOMOBILES

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MAKING CARS

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Chetan takes thriller route with Maarga

PG 4

EXPLORING THE GREY SIDE

After playing historical characters in *Padmavat* and *Tanhaji*, Padmavati Rao is back in a new avatar in *Raat Akeli Hai*

A still from *Raat Akeli Hai*

Monika Monalisa

There are many surprises in store for those who watch *Raat Akeli Hai*. While trying to get to the perpetrator is at the crux of any murder mystery, **Padmavati Rao** ensures that there is more to the story than that. The 58-year-old actor, who is often known for playing positive characters on screen, has left many pleasantly surprised with her new offering in this Netflix original, where her character has many shades of grey. Rao, who stars alongside Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Radhika Apte, says she always looks at a character as more than just black or white. "When I get an offer, I look at the entire script and see the graph of the character," says Rao, who shot the movie last year. She was fascinated with the story of her character, Pramila Singh, from the moment it was narrated to her. "Nobody wants to be a bad person. Even she has been a victim of patriarchy and lack of love. Even she has been as much a victim as any one of else in the story," says Rao, adding that the whole movie was shot in Uttar Pradesh in January and February last year.

With *Raat Akeli Hai*, Rao ventures into OTT platforms, after having done theatre, movies and television in past. "The dynamics in each medium are different and they come with its own set of demands. However, for an actor, it's all about keeping their ego aside and fitting into the shoes of the person they are portraying," explains Rao, who has been 'enjoying the lockdown' thanks to the time it has given people to slow down.

Rao has been acting since she was 15 years old and is especially remembered for the song *Jotheyali Jotheyali* from *Geetha*. She forayed into Bollywood in 1997 with *Pardes* but stayed away from big screen for sometime till she made a comeback with the 2016 thriller *Teen*, where starred opposite Amitabh Bachchan. Recently, she starred in *Padmavat* and *Tanhaji*. Rao has always the been known for picking quality roles over the number of movies she signs. "I choose roles anchored in diversity. But after *Padmavat* and *Tanhaji*, I have had my share of historical characters," laughs Rao, who recently worked in Marathi, Malayalam and Tamil movies as well. A believer of taking life as it comes, Rao says she is happy going back to farming but quite loves acting as and when it comes her way. "I never wanted to shift base or move to a different city for better opportunities. If I do good work, then opportunities will surely come my way. Of course, this has its own ups and downs," she says.

WELCOMING GOWRI-GANESHA

Festive spirit overrides Covid fear as Bengalureans step out to shop for idols at Malleswaram | **Nagaraja Gadekal**

CITY READ

Bank pledges to fight Covid-19

Punjab National Bank has pledged with the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Telangana to fight COVID-19. The bank, across the country, is also felicitating students from government schools who passed Class 10 and 12 exams.

Tech institute gets high ranking

The Ministry of Human Resource Development recently announced the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovations. BNM Institute of Technology has been awarded the ranking in the Band B category which comprises private self-financed universities and colleges. As many as 674 institutions participated in the ARIIA rankings.

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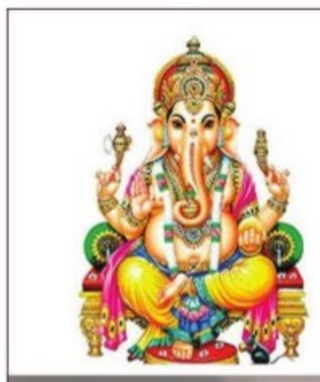

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BEETROOT JUICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Beetroot:** 250 g, grated
- **Ginger:** 25 g, grated
- **Lemon juice:** 2 tsp
- **Country sugar:** 3 tsp
- **Elaichi powder:** a pinch

METHOD

- Pressure-cook grated beetroot for one whistle.
- Then, add it along with grated ginger in a juicer. If you are using a mixie, add water and make it into a juice.
- Transfer the juice into a bowl. Add lemon juice and country sugar.
- Add a pinch of elaichi powder and serve.

TIP

- You can use raw beetroot too.
- You can substitute sugar with honey.

– Sundari Ghandhi, Chennai

SPACE WATCH

A STAR IS BORN

NGC 1614, captured by the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope, is an eccentrically shaped galaxy ablaze with activity. The galaxy resides about 200 million light-years from Earth and is nestled in the southern constellation of Eridanus (the River). NGC 1614 is the result of an active galactic merger, which creates its peculiar appearance, including a tidal tail. The cosmic collision also drives a turbulent flow of interstellar gas from the smaller of the two galaxies involved into the nucleus of the larger one, resulting in a burst of star formation that started in the core and has slowly spread outward through the galaxy. Owing to its turbulent past and its current appearance, astronomers classify NGC 1614 as a peculiar galaxy, a starburst galaxy, and a luminous infrared galaxy. Luminous infrared galaxies are among the most luminous objects in the local universe — and NGC 1614 is, in fact, the second most luminous galaxy within 250 million light-years.

Source: Spaceref.com

BRIGHT SPOT

CLEAN & CLEAR GOALS

When 15-year-old Joseph Beer noticed dirty road signs, he decided to clean them. With the help of his dad, he fixed a trailer to the back of his bike, and started peddling around the streets near his house in Chatteris in Cambridgeshire, England. The youth, who has autism and ADHD, has scrubbed street signs that have been left almost unreadable due to moss growing over them. Joseph's efforts have not gone unnoticed by the people of Chatteris and surrounding towns — particularly a driving instructor who got in touch to thank him for uncovering hidden road signs. One kindly neighbour, who Joseph's family did not know, was so impressed by his clean-up of the town, that she set up a GoFundMe page to reward him. The fundraising campaign, which has now ended, raised almost £1,000 in donations. Joseph's mother says he's got an "incredible heart," and now he wants to share the money that was raised for him by donating it to the local food bank.

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Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
● Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.
● Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

KANDA NAAL MUDHAL

Two youngsters meet in a marriage hall and fight with each other and thereafter every-time they meet they end up fighting with each other. But there comes a time when this animosity turns to love.
● Cast: Prasanna, Laila, Karthik Kumar, Regina Cassandra

VEERAPANDIYA KATTABOMMAN

After the East India Company forces Kattabomman, the king of Panchalankurichi, to pay taxes and be their subordinate, the latter decides to fight against them.
● Cast: Sivaji Ganesan, Padmini, Gemini Ganesan, VK Ramasamy

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

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Sleep scientist Matt Walker explains the relationship between sleep and Alzheimer's — and how researchers are exploring how to use sleep to decrease our chances of developing this condition.

FIT BIT

MARICHYASANA-I

(MARICHI'S POSE-I)

In Sanskrit, 'Marichi' means 'ray of light' and 'asana' means 'pose'. This is dedicated to the sage Marichi, son of Lord Brahma. It deals with the divine law of the universe, or dharma. It restores and rejuvenates the body as it calms the brain. This pose forms a part of the primary series in Ashtanga yoga, where the first four variations performed in sequence. It is a good pose for taking the attention and focus inwards. Stretching the spine in this way may help improve self-awareness and concentration. It can also be beneficial as a stretch for people who spend a lot of time doing seated meditation. It is associated with activating and balancing the Svadisthana and Manipura chakras.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana (Staff Pose).
- Bend your left knee keeping the heel close to the left sitting bone. Your knees must point upwards.
- Keeping your right leg straight, try to turn internally towards the inner thigh.
- Push your bent knee with your hands to lengthen the spine. Keep the sitting bones grounded.
- Exhale and fold over the right leg by tucking the left knee into the armpit.
- Put your left arm forward and try to turn it internally by pointing the thumb to the ground and the palm to the left side.
- Wrap the left arm around the bent leg keeping the back of your hand near the hip.
- Take a deep breath and bring the right arm forward and turn it internally.
- Wrap your right arm behind the left wrist.
- Exhale slowly and try to fold by keeping the lower abdominal muscles tight. The toes must point upward. Stay in this pose for about 30 seconds.
- Inhale, raise the head and release the hands to come to the Dandasana.
- Repeat the pose on the other side for an equal length of time.

BENEFITS

- Massages abdominal organs, including the liver and kidneys.
- Stimulates the brain.
- Restores the digestive power.
- Opens the hips and shoulders.
- Lengthens the spine.
- Frees the breathing passage.
- Relieves fatigue.
- Eases menstrual pain.
- Strengthens the Manipura chakra.
- A natural cure for sciatica.

LIMITATIONS

- Don't practise this if you have lower back issues and shoulder injury.
- Those who have asthma or diarrhoea should avoid this asana.
- Do not try to force your body while doing this asana.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)

An honest policeman, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.
● Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta Simha, Prakash Raj
● Watch on: Amazon Prime
● Registration: ₹ 129 per month

LOCKUP (Tamil)

Lock Up follows the lives of sub-inspector Moorthy and constable Vasanth. There is also Ilavarasi, a hard-nosed police inspector who is put in charge of the station the two men work at after the previous inspector, Sampath, is murdered.
● Cast: Vaibhav Reddy, Venkat Prabhu, Vani Bhojan
● Watch on: Zee5
● Registration: ₹ 99 per month

INDU SARKAR (Hindi)

During the Emergency, Indu's husband, a government employee, plans to use the situation to his advantage and move ahead in his career. However, Indu's sense of morality sets her on a different path.
● Cast: Kirti Kulhari, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Anupam Kher, Tota Roy Chowdhury
● Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
● Registration: ₹ 399 per year

FANDRY (Marathi)

Jabya, a school-going boy from the lower caste, falls in love with Shalu, a higher caste girl. At the same time, his family seeks to hunt an elusive pig in order to earn a living.
● Cast: Nagraj Manjule, Rajeshwari Kharat, Suraj Pawar, Kishor Kadam
● Watch on: Zee5
● Registration: ₹ 99 per month

THONDIMUTHALUM DRIKSAKSHIYUM (Malayalam)

Newly-weds Sreeja and Prasad struggle to cope with their lives and decide to sell Sreeja's gold chain for money. However, a thief steals the chain during a bus journey, adding to their woes.
● Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Nimisha Sajayan, Suraj Venjaramoodu
● Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
● Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PAYANAM (Tamil)

When terrorists hijack a plane from Chennai, a struggle with the pilots damages the engine forcing them to make an emergency landing in Tirupati. NSG commando Ravi is entrusted with rescue operations.
● Cast: Akkineni Nagarjuna, Poonam Kaur, Prakash Raj, Sana Khan
● Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
● Registration: ₹ 399 per year

ADHUGO (Telugu)

Chanti's prized possession is her pet Bunty, a piglet. However, everything takes an unusual turn when a group of people try to kidnap Bunty owing to his birthmark.
● Cast: Nabha Natesh, Ravi Babu, Abhishek Varma
● Watch on: Netflix
● Registration: ₹199 per month

ENGLISH

THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD

The world's top protection agent is called upon to guard the life of his mortal enemy, one of the world's most notorious hit men. The relentless bodyguard and manipulative assassin have been on the opposite end of the bullet for years and are thrown together for a wildly outrageous 24 hours. During their journey from England to the Hague, they encounter high-speed car chases, outlandish boat escapades and a merciless Eastern European dictator who is out for blood.
● Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Gary Oldman
● Watch on: Amazon Prime
● Registration: ₹ 129 per month

FIRST MAN

Neil Armstrong, an American NASA test pilot, and his fellow Apollo Program team-members zip themselves into insulated suits and set out on a mission to land on the moon.
● Cast: Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, Kyle Chandler, Corey Stoll
● Watch on: Netflix ● Registration: ₹199 per month

GREED

Self-made British billionaire Sir Richard McCreadie's retail empire is in crisis. For 30 years he has ruled the world of retail fashion. But after a damaging public inquiry, his image is tarnished. To save his reputation, he decides to bounce back with a highly publicised and extravagant party celebrating his 60th birthday on the Greek island of Mykonos.
● Cast: Steve Coogan, Isla Fisher, Asa Butterfield, Shirley Henderson
● Watch on: Amazon Prime
● Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ALADDIN

Aladdin, a kind thief, woos Jasmine, the princess of Agrabah, with the help of Genie. When Jafar, the grand vizier, tries to usurp the king, Jasmine, Aladdin and Genie must stop him from succeeding.
● Cast: Naomi Scott, Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Marwan Kenzari
● Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
● Registration: ₹ 399 per year

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
writer, actor and funny girl

INSIDE OUT: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Good morning, Bangalore.

As I was sipping my morning cup of tea standing on my balcony, I suddenly didn't feel like doing my morning affirmations. I am a practical and logical person and belong to a world of allopathic medicines, books and scientifically viable explanations and answers. Frankly, affirmations make me feel a wee bit silly. Despite my reservations, I still fell into the trap of doing a few illogical things. I was willing to give anything a shot because clearly the world had turned itself on its head! These were strange times and clearly we fell asleep in one world and woke up in another and all my nightmares about being trapped in the twilight-zone were coming true! I was convinced that if the 'twilight' door would open I would step into an unknown world filled with chaos, people speaking in an unfathomable tongues and doing unspeakably evil things. Well! My nightmare came partially true because those 'creatures' let loose a virus so vile and potent that staying away and not touching each other became an act of love!

I think everybody has had enough. The paralysing fear psychosis that gripped us has loosened its stranglehold and I definitely see people making small forays out of their homes. Though, I am grateful that 70 per cent of the traffic cacophony has reduced since educational institutions and most corporate firms have a work from home policy, but the economic devastation that the retail businesses are suffering is almost paralysing. We are lucky enough as customers to have an online option, but there is a huge difference in browsing, choosing and then buying. Take a small act of buying vegetables or fruits, many of my friends would prefer the option of looking, choosing and then buying. (Also veggie and fruit vendors are notorious for slipping us some rotting produce when one isn't looking!). One can avail of shopping online, one might argue, and indeed the youngsters opted for that even before the lockdown. I don't agree. For generations now, the whole process of 'going shopping' had more a social significance than a practical one. Friends would make plans to meet, making time from their busy schedules; even the prospect of taking 'phoren' visitors and relatives shopping was mostly a pleasurable activity. Nothing can beat the umpteen cups of coffee imbibed while choosing through reams of silk sarees touching the material, marvelling at its rich colours and textures... and then stopping by for lunch at a favourite restaurant and ultimately coming home and reliving your experience while going through your loot.... sigh! I openly admit I miss that.

Good ol' days: (From left) Ila, Usha, Rubi, Monideepa, Arlene and Radhika

The whole six months of staying home, cooking, cleaning, rediscovering your family, talking about how we are lucky enough to re-think and re-evaluate our lives is fast waning. The time to pay back loans and interests looms large with no prospect of any economic relief or incentives from the government. Slowly I see a change coming over the gullible and generous middle class who were always taken for a ride. I may be trolled for this... but in the end, the two ends of the spectrum always end up better off. One end of the spectrum fortunately or unfortunately, deal with larger families that they are eventually responsible for and to the wily and smart government it means a bigger piece of the vote pie. On the other hand, the ones that wield the mega bucks have everyone eating out of their hands. It's the striving masses in between that try hard to work and survive with their dignity and generosity intact.

Though I acknowledge there is a lot we could have changed about lives before, but I miss fact to face meetings (I abhor Zoom calls), I miss watching a play in a darkened auditorium, drinking chai from an earthen cup, eating and drinking without sanitising everything, and the prospect of working, earning a living, and jumping into a vehicle with the wind in my hair. My son has gone to Greece to 'un-depress' himself... Even I want to!

BENGALURU BEATS

'We need a clear tree policy and a strong climate action plan'

Harini Nagendra
Author and Professor of Sustainability at Azim Premji University

Tucked away in the concrete jungles of Bengaluru, finding niches in the city's home gardens, tree-lined streets, wetlands, lakeside habitats and slums, is an impressive diversity of plants and animals. A checklist of Bengaluru's biodiversity compiled by S. Karthikeyan in 1999 found 340 species of birds, 160 species of butterflies, 40 species of mammals, and other species.

How do we protect the city's character as a hub of biodiversity? Once known as India's Garden City, it is now derisively called Garbage City. The venerable old bungalows of Bengaluru have been razed to build apartments. Heritage gardens have been converted to concrete parking lots. Parks and lakesides were 'beautified' via expensive projects that added cemented walkways and jogging tracks, and destroyed pockets of wilderness. Lakes and their connecting channels were filled with garbage, and converted to bus stands, malls, and corporate campuses.

Bengaluru lost lakhs of trees in the past two decades. Irreplaceable heritage trees, some centuries old, were cut down for infrastructure 'development'. Many could have been saved with some effort, by taking the Metro underground in stretches, leaving trees in the median and expanding the road on both sides, or modifying the location of big infrastructure projects. Instead, environmentalists were attacked and vilified as "anti-development".

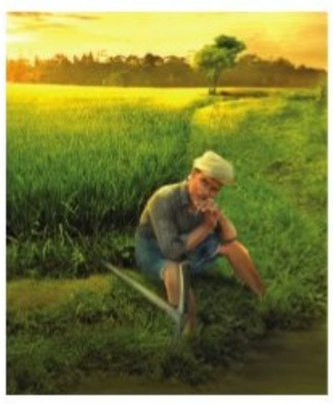
Because of the loss of its protective ecosystems, the city has faced increasingly intense heat waves, floods and droughts and is battling severe air pollution. We are severely ill-prepared to face the dangers of climate change. It is reckless to consider cutting 33,000 trees in the periphery of Bengaluru for road widening – yet the city seems determined to continue on this doomsday path!

Solution:
Strong citizen activism and community action has played a major role in protecting what is left of Bengaluru's ecology. We need the BBMP and other government organisations to step up, collaborating with citizens to develop a participatory plan to restore the city's degraded ecology by planting trees, restoring lakes and wetlands, and greening the city. We need a clear tree policy, a strong climate action plan and a proactive vision to restore Bengaluru's place as the Garden City of India.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

FRAMING MEMORIES

This artist is becoming a hit with netizens, thanks to his flair for weaving elements of fantasy and dreamy backgrounds into photographs of regular people



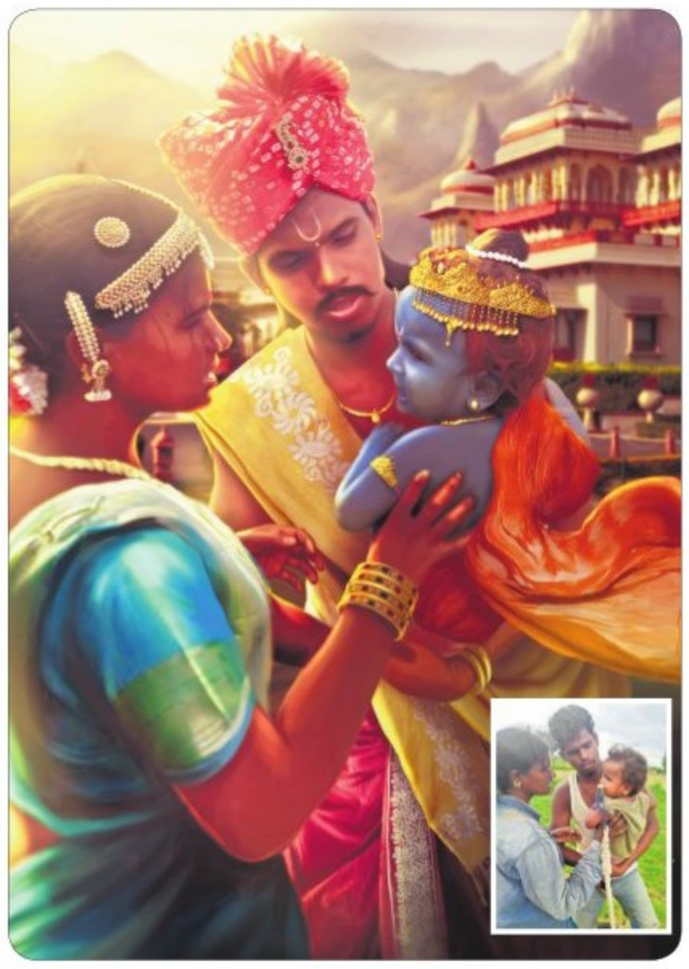
(Top) A Hanuman artwork made by Karan Acharya in 2017; images made by him on people's requests

Monika Monalisa

When it comes to rising to a challenge, artist Karan Acharya tries to leave no stone unturned. Recently, the Bengaluru resident got a request from someone to turn their regular family picture of a mother, father and a toddler into one that shows young Krishna's family. Acharya delivered and how. When he posted the edited picture, netizens couldn't help but shower their love on this heart-warming story. In four days, the art work has got more than 1,56,000 likes and over 22,000 retweets on Twitter. "I don't know the family, nor did I ask their name. I just know that they belong to a village and I am guessing the person who sent the request was probably related to the family. I just wanted to put a smile on their faces," says Acharya, who hails from Kasaragod in Kerala but has been living in Bengaluru for two years.

Acharya, who works as a concept designer with an education portal, works on his passion project only after 8pm. "I do charge a commission for some projects but I didn't charge anything for the Krishna one," says Acharya, who already has around 2,000 requests in pipeline. Other artworks include turning heaps of cloud into Ganesha and a picture of a young boy being transformed to look like Krishna sitting on his chariot during Mahabharata. While some call his observation skills a gift, he calls it experience. "I have been doing art since I was nine years old. Over a period of time you develop this skill," adds Acharya. Most of his work is set in mythology and he has no qualms accepting that his inspiration has been Raja Ravi Varma. "I am a huge fan of his art. It's beautiful how he paints silk and gold in his painting. No one can set the mood the way he does," says 32-year-old Acharya.

While it might be exciting for many, this kind of internet fame is not new to Acharya. In 2017, he had his first encounter with this when a vector artwork of Lord Hanuman made by him went viral. "People started calling it 'Angry Hanuman'. Many used it as wallpapers and even on their cars and bikes," adds Acharya.



I don't know the family in the Krishna recreation. I just know that they belong to a village. I just wanted to put a smile on their faces
—**Karan Acharya,** artist

SOULFUL

The right kind of education

Present-day education is a complete failure because it has overemphasized technique. In overemphasizing technique we destroy man. To cultivate capacity and efficiency without understanding life, without having a comprehensive perception of the ways of thought and desire, will only make us increasingly ruthless, which is to engender wars and jeopardize our physical security. The exclusive cultivation of technique has produced scientists, mathematicians, bridge builders, space conquerors; but do they understand the total process of life? Can any specialist experience life as a whole? Only when he ceases to be a specialist.

Technological progress does solve certain kinds of problems for some people at one level, but it introduces wider and deeper issues too. To live at one level, disregarding the total process of life, is to invite misery and destruction. The greatest need and most pressing problem for every individual is to have an integrated comprehension of life, which will enable him to meet its ever-increasing complexities.

Technical knowledge, however necessary, will in no way resolve our inner, psychological pressures and conflict; and it is because we have acquired technical knowledge without understanding the total process of life that technology has become a means of destroying ourselves. The man who knows how to split the atom but has no love in his heart becomes a monster.

We choose a vocation according to our capacities; but will the following of a vocation lead us out of conflict and confusion? Some form of technical training seems necessary; but when we have become engineers, physicians, accountants - then what? Is the practice of a profession the fulfilment of life? Apparently with most of us it is. Our various professions may keep us busy for the greater part of our existence; but the very things that we produce and are so entranced with are causing destruction and misery. Our attitudes and values make of things and occupations the instruments of envy, bitterness and hate.

Without understanding ourselves, mere occupation leads to frustration, with its inevitable escapes through all kinds of mischievous activities. Technique without understanding leads to enmity and ruthlessness, which we cover up with pleasant-sounding phrases. Of what value is it to emphasize technique and become efficient entities if the result is mutual destruction? Our technical progress is fantastic, but it has only increased our powers of destroying one another, and there is starvation and misery in every land. We are not peaceful and happy people.

When function is all-important, life becomes dull and boring, a mechanical and sterile routine from which we escape into every kind of distraction. The accumulation of facts and the development of capacity, which we call education, has deprived us of the fullness of integrated life and action. It is because we do not understand the total process of life that we cling to capacity and efficiency, which thus assume overwhelming importance. But the whole cannot be understood through the part; it can be understood only through action and experience.

– *Jiddu Krishnamurti*

CITY READ

Admission open for 5-year BSc-MSc course

Applications are invited for admission to the first semester of a five-year integrated BSc–MSc Biological Sciences course, Department of Life Science, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University for the academic year 2020-21 from candidates who have completed two-year pre-university course of Karnataka state or equivalent science subjects. The admission notification can be downloaded from the university website. The last date to submit the application is August 28.

Festive fervour

Radhika Pandit is in a festive mood. She posted a picture of a sweet dish on Instagram and wrote, "Patholi.. my favourite traditional sweet made during Gowri Habba!! Coconut and jaggery mixture steamed in turmeric leaves! Yellarigu Gowri Habbada Shubhashegalu".

TOPPERS

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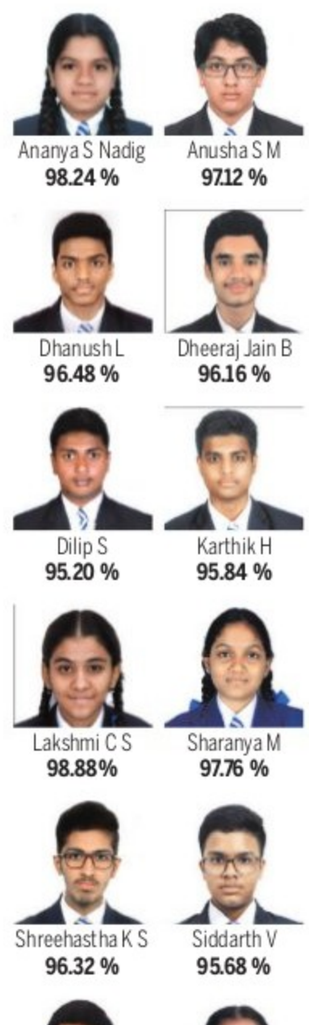

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SUDEEP'S WORLD OF *PHANTOM* GOING TO BE A REALITY NOW

The artwork, created by Shivakumar for *Phantom* at Annapurna Studios, will get a permanent arena at Innovative Film City, Bengaluru

• A Sharadhaa

Sudeep's World of *Phantom* will soon move from its on-screen presence to become a reality too. The vision of director Anup Bhandari, created by art director Shivakumar, is getting reinstalled by Saravana Prasad, the founder of Innovative Film City. Prasad had recently visited Annapurna Studios, where the shooting of *Phantom* is currently going on, and was astounded by the artwork created for the film. It is a forest-like set-up, and he decided to recreate the look and feel of the Phantom World at Innovative City studio in Bengaluru. Shivakumar will be taking the responsibility of recreating a similar set-up. The film is at the last stages of its current shooting schedule, and the team is arranging to transport the entire property worth ₹40 lakh, which includes artificial trees, costumes, bikes cars used by Sudeep, and everything else that was utilised for the film, to Bengaluru. Says Prasad, "I was so impressed by the vision of the makers that I didn't want the set to go waste. So I have decided to mirror a similar set-up at Innovative Film City, which will be a permanent one. This will enable the common people to experience the World of Phantom, and they can even experience the ride that Sudeep is enjoying at present." The recreation work will cost approximately ₹2 crore. "The team is currently dismantling the sets, after which it will be brought to the city, and work will start in the coming days," adds Prasad.

Phantom is produced by Manjunath Gowda under the banner of Shalini Arts. It has music by B Ajaneesh Lokanath and cinematography by William David. Apart from Sudeep, the film also features Nirup Bhandari, and the latest to join the cast is Neetha Ashok.

STILLS FROM THE FILM

Sudeep

'People have taken advantage of the fact that I'm not on social media'

• CE Features

It has taken over a decade for Kangana Ranaut to join social media, and the actress opened up on Friday on why she has finally taken the step. She says people have taken advantage of her absence from the platform in the past.

Kangana, who tweets from the verified handle named @kanganateam, has shared a video on the microblogging site, where she talks of the power of social media.

"It has been almost 15 years since I have been working in films. In these 15 years, there have been many chances when there have been moments of pressure to join social media. Agencies and several brands know that I have let go deals worth crores where there was just one clause that I should be on social media," Kangana said in the video in Hindi.

She added: "I have been called a 'chudail' (witch) and it has been said mere pair ulte hain (my feet are twisted). People have taken advantage of the fact that I am not present on social media. But I still did not take to social media as I never felt any distance from my audience. I have always felt that if I had to say anything, why should I do so in a rudimentary way? I have said so much through my films on 'women empowerment' and nationalism. I would rather use an artistic way to communicate. This has been my view."

"But this year I saw the power of social media and how the entire world came together and fought for Sushant Singh Rajput and achieved success. I have some expectations now with this. I feel that if we all come together, we can raise our voice for new India and initiate reforms."

Kangana Ranaut

Flesh: Solid thriller with an overdose of gratuitous violence

• Avinash Ramachandran

There is no point beating around the bush and skilfully skirting around the main themes while reviewing a series like *Flesh*. So, this review comes with a trigger warning for sexual violence, drugs, child abuse and police excess.

Developed by Pooja Ladha Surti from a story written by Siddharth Anand and Sagar Pandya, *Flesh* is a series that attempts to lay bare the ugly world of human trafficking. We are shown two trafficking rings — one that kidnaps and sells young adults to flesh trade, and one that does the same to kids. Both rings have a "consignment" ready for delivery. The kidnapping of an NRI girl, Zoya (Mahima Makwana), brings in ACP Radha Nautiyal (Swara Bhasker) into the mix, and what follows is the cat-and-mouse chase between cops and the traffickers. While the premise is hardly new, mounting this as a web series on a digital platform provides the makers with their biggest trump card — lack of censorship. However, this turns out to be a double-edged sword.

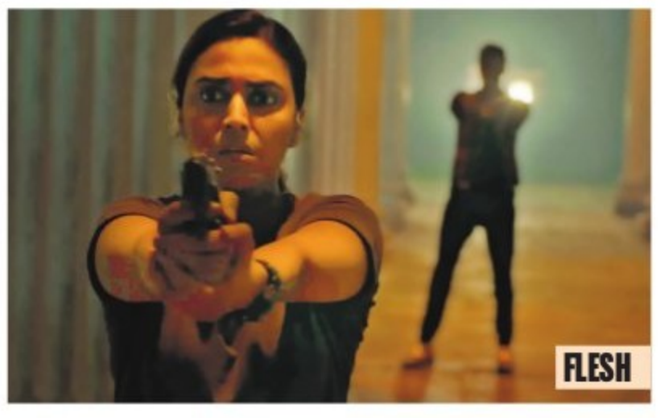
It is unsettling enough to see 10-15 kids locked up and waiting for the "boss" to transport them to their next hell. Do we also need graphic visuals of them being molested, raped and beaten up? Do we really need to know how exactly these kids are moulded into a life that will subject them to such monstrosities with alarming regularity? Similarly, seeing teenage girls being chained in a makeshift camp before transportation is gut-wrenching enough without having to see the gratuitous violence they are subject to. *Flesh*, with its liberal usage of creative freedom, will no doubt act as a major talking point during the debate over censorship of OTT content. While the series does do justice to the theme of trafficking, the incessant cuss words, disturbing sexual innuendos, one too many gory violent acts, and a narrative that is non-linear to a fault, prove to be too much of a distraction.

With so much happening on screen, it would be a shame if some of the more poignant moments go unnoticed. There are beautiful scenes like a shared rhyme between two kids in the trafficking camp, girls trapped in a travelling truck talking about how they are here because they trusted their loved ones, or even a slight smile between a just-widowed woman and the sex worker who tells her that her lorry driver husband was always faithful. It is these notes that we tend to remember more than the hard-hitting reality.

Cast: Swara Bhasker, Akshay Oberoi, Mahima Makwana, Vidya Malavade
Director: Danish Aslam
Streaming on: Eros NOW
RATING 3/5

Of course, there are twists in the tale, which have just enough bite to keep us invested, although these are more of the "oh" variety than "Aha" moments. But the series is truly held together by some rock-solid performances from actors who slip into the skin of their roles with unnerving ease — especially Akshay as the drug-addled antagonist Taj. He not only exudes more than the required malice, but also displays an underlying sense of vulnerability. He is the perfect foil to Swara's on-point performance as the no-nonsense cop who is aware of the system and its loopholes, which of course, leads to a bout of police excess that goes unchecked.

Beneath all the sexual violence, the gore, and sadistic voyeurism, there is a story on how trafficking is normalised in our society. Even in this series, the investigation is swift only because the NRI girl Zoya comes from an influential family. What if the family of Jaya, another woman in that truck, had approached the police? Would they have moved heaven and hell to reach from Mumbai to Kolkata in a couple of days to nab the traffickers? Now, that's where the real meat of this issue lies.



The commercial entertainer marks the directorial debut of Mohan; it will have two heroines -- Kushi and Reeshma Nanaiah -- sharing screen space with the actor

Chetan takes thriller route with *MAARGA*

• CE Features

It's been a long time since Chetan faced the arc lights. The actor, who is also a social worker, was last seen in *Athiratha* in 2017. He had completed shooting for *Ranam*, and kept himself busy with his other activities. He has now signed his next movie, which he describes as an action thriller. "Excited to announce the launch of my new movie: 'Maarga' (The Path), an action thriller film," Chetan announced on the social media. The film's muhurat took place on Friday, with Puneeth Rajkumar attending the launch and sounding the clapboard.

Maarga marks the directorial debut of Mohan. He is bringing in his previous experience of working as an associate director in a few projects, and this will be his first feature film. "*Maarga* has the hero taking a particular path for his destination, whether this path is right or wrong, is the gist of *Maarga*," says the director, who has also written the story and the screenplay for the film. Mohan also points that that *Maarga* is nowhere related to Chetan's real-life characteristics, and it is a total entertainer with a mix of commercial elements and a social message. The film will feature two heroines — *Dia* heroine Kushi, and Reeshma Nanaiah, who is making her debut with Prem's *Ek Love Ya*. *Maarga* will have Ajaneesh B Loknath composing the music and SK Rao handling the cinematography. "We are getting ready, and hope to start shooting from September second week, but everything depends on the Covid situation," says the debutant director.

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Chetan
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COPS SCORE KILLS IN A LUMPY DRAMA

• Shilajit Mitra

In *Class of '83*, a journalist suggests a smarmy headline for the subjects of his piece. "Dirty Harrys of Bombay," he wants to call a squad of homegrown cops. The idea is then stretched: one of the cops' wives protests that her husband isn't 'dirty', mentioning the primness of his laundry. The scene is representative of Atul Sabharwal's film: a police drama careful not to taint its leads.

We begin in Nashik in 1982. Aslam, Shukla, Varde, Yadav, and Surve are cadets in the police training centre. Terrible at coursework, they belong to the first batch of Dean Vijay Singh, a spectral figure who has never turned up in class or shown his face. Until, one night, he does.

Now, here we must pause and brace ourselves. Bobby Deol, as you know, plays the dean. This is the actor's Netflix debut, so pains have been taken to make him look gruff and grizzled. The posters showed an aging cop in dad glasses and wispy greys. As jarring as that image was — especially for us '90s kids, eternal devotees of the Soldier — the film goes a step further.

Vijay, still smarting from his punishment posting (he was once a hotshot in the force), takes the band under his wing. He inducts them quietly and trains them in the art of encounter killings. Later, he gets an old friend to install his pupils in Mumbai, as a hit squad against the mob. "Institutionalised killing of gangsters by policemen," Vijay explains, glowing up, as though proposing a rock fest.

This comes as no surprise. Hindi films have a chronic affinity for staged murders: In Simmba, for example, this was done with naked relish — several constables dancing around a CCTV camera to off a rapist. The cops in *Class of '83* are more sophisticated: they hide their tracks, plant alibis, and always beat the rap. Adapted from Hussain Zaidi's nonfiction book, the evident glee is shocking. We get a glimpse of the corrupting effects of such power, but it's all done via suggestion and equivocal tones. Even Vijay, brought back to the force to restrain his kids, chalks it up to errant behavior, so long as his vendetta is served.

There are a few nice touches. Vishwajeet Pradhan is fetching as a rugged PT instructor; "Mandhbuddhi manus...," he calls a trigger-happy cadet. Numbskull. The cinematography is in a rusted brown: it feels oppressive at first but accentuates the period setting. Vijay dials a politician from a locked phone near a dock. A restaurant alternation is echoed in a later scene, with old friendship giving way to new jealousies. There are also lovely inserts from old newsreels: Marive Drive, Churchgate, strikes in mills.

Equally notable is the nagging meta-commentary linked to Bobby's arc. Vijay (also the actor's real name) is angry with 'the system', how it took him in and spit him out. He grumbles at something called 'the hundred crore club' — apparently also a thing among cops. For all its comeback-y vibe, *Class of '83* doesn't pack a punch. It's a stiff performance buried in cop cliches, from the sob backstory to the messing around with a blade. Briefly, the film allows him some tenderness — Vijay watching his son graduate from afar — but quickly turns off the mood.

As the bodies stack up, Anup Soni, playing a corrupt CM, meets up with his foe. "Who thought that cotton mills would disappear from Mumbai?" he observes wrly, staring around at crumbling walls. There's a relish in his voice, but also respect for a city of change.

CLASS OF '83
Cast: Bobby Deol, Anup Soni, Vishwajeet Pradhan
Director: Atul Sabharwal
Produced by: Red Chillies Entertainment
RATING 2/5